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JAPANESE DRIVE AT TAIERCHWANG

Admission Of Little Progress In Attack

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AT THE TIME OF GOING TO PRESS, THE COURSE OF THE TYPHOON (WHICH WAS SUFFICIENTLY CLOSE AT NOON TO JUSTIFY THE HOISTING OF NO. 7 SIGNAL) WAS STILL UNCERTAIN.

Mr. C. W. Jeffries, Director of the Royal Observatory, told the "China Mail," however, that there was every indication that the disturbance had re-curved north-eastward and that it would, most probably, pass to the south of the Colony.

The wind force will probably increase to a gale before nightfall.

GALE FORCE

It is hoped this afternoon to place the course of the typhoon definitely. The Observatory is, of course, receiving no assistance from Pratas, and calculations are being based upon reports from ships.

The No. 1 typhoon signal was hoisted at 8.38 a.m. to-day.

The typhoon crossed the Visayas on April 29 as a depression pursuing a W.N.W. course until yesterday morning since when it moved steadily northwards, to the neighbourhood of Hainan with a tendency to recurve north-eastwards.

If the typhoon passes south, there will probably be strong winds from the North-East increasing to gale force.

Should it enter the coast to the west of Hong Kong, strong south-east winds are probable.

In either case, the weather will be squally and wet.

Chinese Meeting With Success At Tancheng

Shanghai, To-day.

According to a Japanese military communique issued this morning the Japanese are launching a fierce attack on the Chinese at Taierchwang and are meeting with small success. It is claimed that the Chinese have already abandoned some of their positions, but this information lacks confirmation in both Chinese and foreign circles.

Chinese reports state that the Japanese launched numerous attacks on the Chinese defenders during the past week, but so far have failed to dislodge them. Chinese mechanised units have once again appeared on the battle field near Taierchwang and are playing an important part in the Chinese defence plans. — Our Own Correspondent.

Hankow, To-day.

Telephone reports from Hsuehchow this morning state that the operations against Tancheng are progressing favourably and recapture of the town, which has changed hands several times in the past week, is confidently anticipated this afternoon or evening.

Since last week's drive by the Japanese, the Chinese Command has concentrated nearly 75,000 for the counter-offensive and they are attacking all along the line. Japanese casualties are reported to have been heavy in a critical engagement on the southern outskirts of Tancheng. — Our Own Correspondent.

STRIKE RIOT IN JAMAICA

Kingston (Jamaica),
To-day.

Four were killed and seven injured when armed police attempted to arrest the ring-leaders of the strike movement which assumed the proportions of a riot.

On a sugar estate at Frome Westmoreland, police were forced to fire. Fifty arrests were made and the military are standing by in readiness to go to the scene.

About 1,500 acres of plantations were set on fire by the strikers. — Reuter.

ITALY & MONTREUX CONVENTION

Rome, To-day.

Italy has decided to adhere to the Montreux Convention (abolishing extraterritorial rights in Egypt), with certain reservations arising from her withdrawal from the League of Nations. — Reuter.

CHRISTENING OF THE PRINCESS BEATRIX

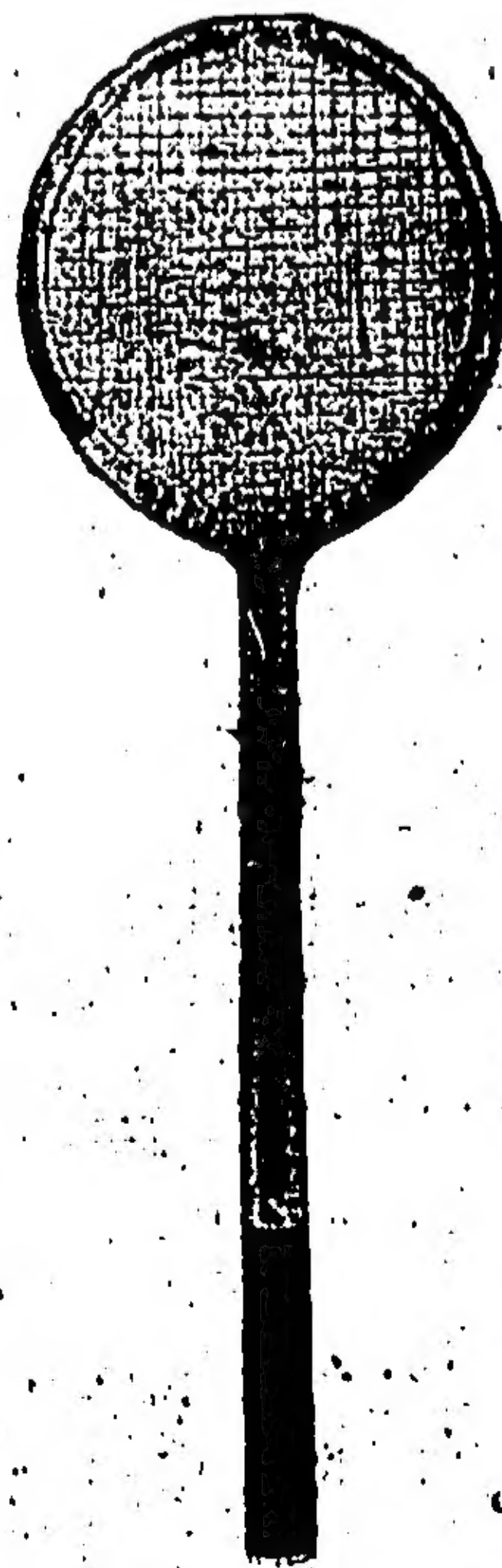
Amsterdam, To-day.

The christening ceremony of Princess Beatrix, daughter of Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, will be performed on May 12 in The Hague by Pastor Blauwendratd of Baarn and former Hague Court Chaplain Welter of Hague.

Rev. Welter officiated also at the

Confirmation of Princess Juliana and at her wedding with Prince Bernhard.

Godmothers and Godfathers will be two grandmothers, Queen Wilhelmina and Princess Armgard zur Lippe-Biesterfeld, Princess Alice of Great Britain, Duke Adolf Friedrich of Mecklenburg, Princess zu Erbach-Schoenberg and Countess Kotzebue. — Trans-Ocean.



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"What Are They Coming To?"

Women Who Smoke And Drink

Recently, in Melbourne, the Victorian Minister for Health (Sir John Harris) declared that women were smoking and drinking too much. "What the young women are coming to I do not know," he added.

The New South Wales Minister for Health, a leading Sydney doctor, a padre, an actress, and several young women expressed the opinion, broadly, that women had every right to smoke and drink. They agreed that few women smoked or drank to excess.

"From time immemorial," said the Minister for Health (Mr. Fitz-Simons), "it has been the custom of older people to criticise the manners, habits, and practices of the younger generation. In my opinion the present generation of women is not one bit worse in its manner of living than the last. Women smoke, it is true, even in public places. But I have no objection to women smoking any more than men. As for women drinking to excess, I think this is a mere figure of speech, and greatly exaggerates the true position. The modern young woman is not only healthy, athletic, and clean living, but both interesting and attractive."

CONTINENTAL WOMEN

Lady Milbanke, had definite views. "Do you think," she was asked, "that women smoke and drink to excess?"

Most of the women one meets drink a little, but rarely to excess. I see no reason why they should not drink and smoke," she said.

"Smoking in restaurants is so universal both here and abroad and is so harmless, really, that I think the protests of non-smokers will meet with little response. Some women smoke in public in an ob-

jectionable manner, but in that case the manner rather than the practice is to be condemned."

A PADRE'S VIEWS

"I see no reason why women should not smoke and drink in moderation," a war-time padre said. "If men object to women smoking and drinking they should abstain themselves. But any excess is to be condemned. Drinking in excess can be a most destructive habit, especially for women."

According to Miss Helen Lauder, of the Pickwick Club, who is in daily contact with large numbers of modern women, Sir John Harris is expecting women to be old fashioned in a modern world.

"Nowadays," she said, "when women have taken over many of the jobs which once belonged to men, when their mental outlook has broadened, and they are forced to take part in the rush and strain of progress, surely they have earned the privilege of stimulating themselves as they please. But, in any case, the girl who smokes and drinks excessively is rare. Doctors tell us that the modern woman is healthier than her grandmother, so it seems that smoking and drinking have done her no harm."

"Sir John has generalised unduly. But his sweeping statement that smoking is objectionable is not without some segment of truth. After all, nicotine fingers and stained teeth are rather distasteful

to the feminine mind. Smoking before a meal also tends to interfere with the appetite, but a cigarette with coffee at the end of the meal is both stimulating and refreshing. "Woman, I think, has earned the right to do what she pleases, and has proved that she knows just as well as the older generations how to take care of herself."

A NON-SMOKER

Miss Sheelah Lyle does not smoke, but she believes that smoking is a companionable habit.

"It can be vastly attractive, too. The woman who smokes well uses her hands, mouth, and eyes. She makes an extravagant and attractive gesture of a simple habit, and I think men like women to smoke

attractively."

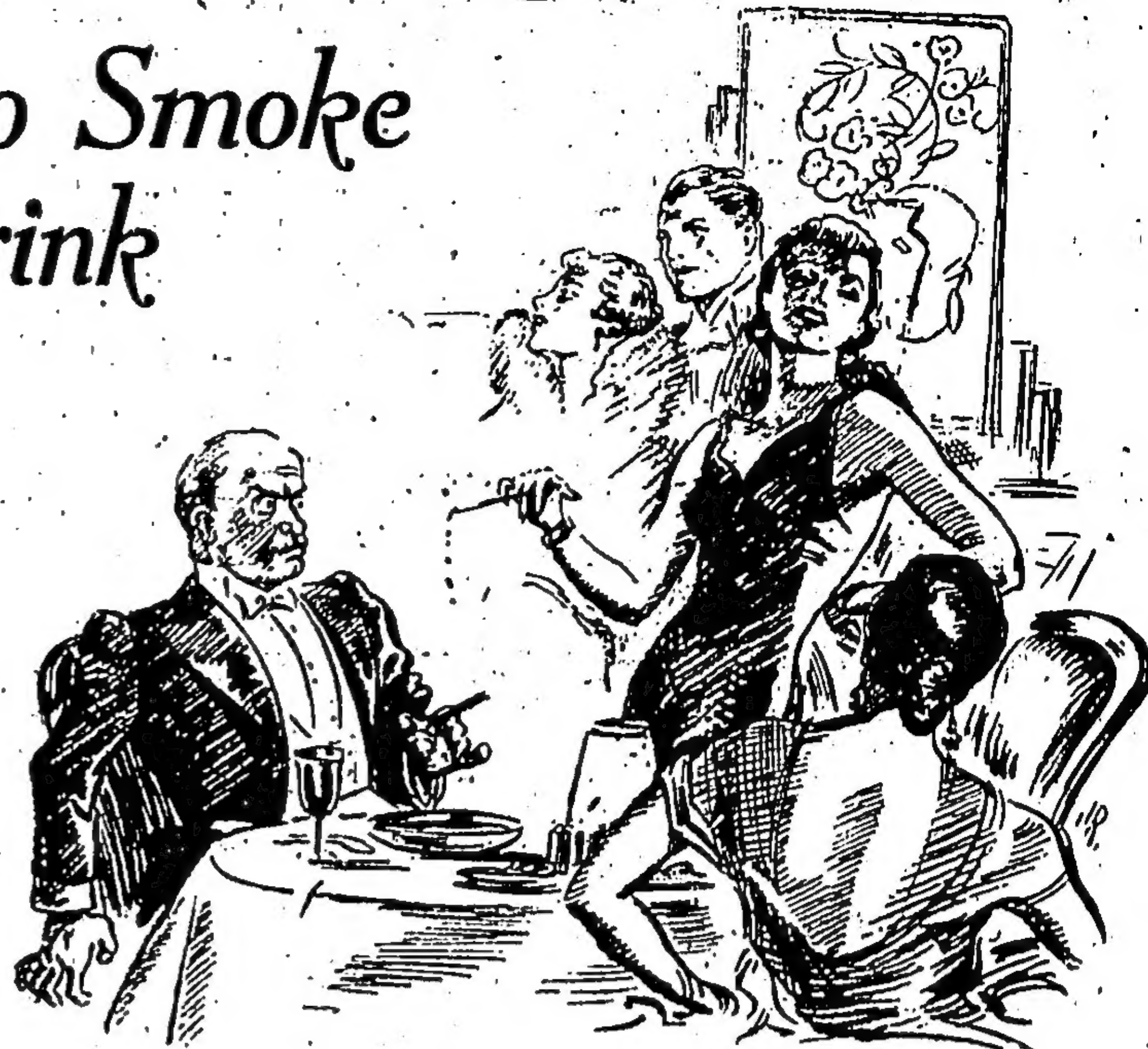
"The modern girl is so terribly health-conscious that she rarely ever indulges in smoking or drinking," Miss Lyle said. "And she's far too sensible."

"Smoking in public dining places is far too universal, I think, for the wishes of a few non-smokers to be considered."

Miss Nancye Stewart, the A.B.C. dramatic radio star, smokes herself, and believes that although the habit does very little good, there are no grounds for discouraging it.

"I believe, though," she said, "that some women smoke in an unpleasant manner. I think, too, that it is rude to smoke at the meal table in the company of people who

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dislike the smoke."

"NOT HARMFUL," DOCTOR SAYS

"Whether one should smoke or not is entirely a matter for the individual," a leading doctor said. "Cigarettes and drink will poison some people, but if taken in moderation they cannot harm the majority."

"I have no objection whatever to women smoking," he said. "In fact, I admire many of them. What man could nibble a sandwich and smoke a cigarette at the same time with intriguing grace and ambidexterity?"

"Some girls drink more than is good for them," the doctor continued, "and excessive drink is a bad initiation for prospective motherhood. Perhaps, in view of this, drink is to be discouraged. Fortunately, most modern girls are far too sensible to drink to excess."

HOSTESSES CRITICISED

Mr. O. A. Piggott, of the Temperance Alliance, believes that the popularity of the cocktail party has caused a widespread tendency to excessive drinking among women.

"A girl is said to be a poor sport if she doesn't drink," he said, "and the result is that girls are initiated into drinking at an early age. Society hostesses have much to answer for in this respect. In the interests of true womanhood they should refuse to cater for what is really a depraved taste. Alcohol is a destroyer of beauty, of happiness, of youth, and there is no justification for the widespread increase in drinking among women."

SMOKING IN RESTAURANTS

A prominent business man, said he considered that smoking in public dining places should be prohibited before it becomes a menace. "The two dark spots of a trip abroad," he said, "are the cigarette and the jazz band. In America the jazz band is the worst offender. No one listens but the moment it begins every woman tries to shout it down. Between the band and the cigarette smoke a meal in America is a painful experience."

"GOOD MANNERS DYING OUT"

"In London the women smoke all through a meal and even in the theatres. I used to dread going where they congregated. I saw Robertson Hare in the flesh through the smoke one night. A delightful performance, but I had to gargle my throat before I could face my matutinal rasber next morning. Good manners are dying out among women. Some women even comb their hair in the London theatre,

ART OF MAKING SUET PUDDING

Cold weather makes puddings particularly welcome at dinner-time. Suet puddings of every kind are nearly always a good choice, unless the first course has been very heavy, for they are rich in heat and energy-giving foods.

Inexperienced cooks often think there is something very difficult about making suet puddings. Actually, they are very simple, especially if shredded suet is used, so that there is no possibility of lumps.

The whole secret lies in long boiling. It is always wise to give more boiling than the recipe says, rather than err on the hasty side. Once you have mastered the basic recipe for suet crust, there is no end to the variations you can produce.

As a meat course there is steak and kidney pudding (surely the very best of all meals on a cold winter's day!) and rabbit pudding (but put in plenty of pickled pork, or it will be insipid). In the North they often make a leek pudding, cutting the well-washed leeks into inch lengths before putting them into a lined pudding basin, seasoning well, adding a nut of butter, covering and boiling in the usual way.

For the pudding course, pride yourself on the number of variations you can evolve, instead of sticking to either apple dumplings or golden roll. Dates, figs, and prunes all go excellently with suet if they are given sufficiently long boiling.

Potato and raisin pudding is an economical dish which may be new to you. Service half a pound of floury, cooked potatoes, and put in a basin with 3oz. sugar, the grated rind of a lemon, a pinch of salt, and 3oz. seeded or seedless raisins.

Heat 2oz. butter or margarine with a teaspoonful of milk, add the yolk of an egg (two if possible), and mix thoroughly. Then add the egg white, beaten stiffly, and half a teaspoonful baking powder. Mix all the ingredients well together, turn into a greased pie-dish, and bake in a moderate oven until the pudding has risen well.

and it doesn't improve one's suit.

The opposite view was taken by a stenographer, who said it seemed extraordinarily selfish for the few people who don't smoke to want the great majority of diners to forgo their cigarette. "Surely the wishes of the great majority matter more than the fads of a few," she said.

The manageress of a restaurant, and a smoker herself, said it was a common occurrence to see young women flicking the ash of a cigarette into someone's soup.

"This sort of thing," she said, "is definitely objectionable, and in any case most older women do not smoke and they find smoke blown across from another diner unpleasant. Although probably 90 per cent. of people smoke, those who don't surely deserve some consideration. Young girls are the worst offenders."

CHOICE OF THE INDIVIDUAL

Miss Doris Fitton denies Sir John Harris the right of questioning the independence of women.

"I am sure," she said, "that women don't smoke or drink to excess. A woman, with respect for her looks and her charm will see that she does not spoil them by excesses. In any case, these things should undeniably be the choice of the individual. In moderation smoking and drinking can be two of life's pleasant things."



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FIRST PUBLIC OFFICE FOR PRINCESS

Princess Elizabeth, heir to our throne, was twelve years old on April 21.

To mark this milestone in her life she took over her first public office—President of the Children's League of the Princess Elizabeth Hospital, at Shadwell, in London's East End.

Thus the second lady in the land has embarked on a career which a nation and an Empire hope will be long and fruitful.

In this first task she will help in work which aims at interesting children in the hospital named after her.

Her birthday was celebrated quietly at Windsor Castle.

CAKE WITH 12 CANDLES

For once she did not breakfast in the royal nursery. Instead, she joined the other guests at the Castle. Later she watched the Changing of the Guard and went for a gallop in the Great Park on Snowball, her pony.

Climax of the day, of course, tea at half-past four in the green drawing-room.

In the centre of the table at the ice-cake with its twelve candles. Over it the Princess presided.

Two other children sat thrilled beside her—Prince Edward of Kent and Princess Margaret.

After the tea party the Princess led her guests to a cinema performance. Chief feature was a colour cartoon.

WOMAN LION-TAMER, LIVED TO 75

Mrs. Leonda Pezon, lion tamer and circus star, died in Brussels on April 23, aged 75. She retired from the cage in 1912.

Her father was a circus owner and his four children took over the business when he died.

The eldest was killed by a lion and Leonda became big-top in the circus.

She married Emilien Castenet, acrobat, horseman, bull-fighter, aeronaut, tight-rope walker and lion tamer, and they sat in a lions' cage with four lions as the priest blessed their wedding.

They took off in a balloon for their honeymoon.

A violent storm drove their balloon towards the Mediterranean and they were picked up exhausted by a trawler.

Shortly afterwards Castenet fell 60ft. from the tight-rope and was killed.

Leonda married another acrobat.

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AN INTERESTING LEGAL POINT IS RAISED BY A DISPUTE IN CONNECTION WITH A CHINESE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT, IN A CASE OPENED BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MacGREGOR, AT THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING.

MRS. FONG SHUK-KING HAS ENTERED A CLAIM FOR A DECLARATION THAT, UNDER A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT MADE IN FEBRUARY, 1937, BETWEEN HERSELF AND LEUNG NAI-YUEN, COMPRADORE OF MESSRS. GILMANS, LIMITED, SHE IS A PARTNER WITH DEFENDANT IN THE COMPRADORE DEPARTMENT OF THE FIRM. SHE ALSO APPLIED FOR AN INJUNCTION TO RESTRAIN DEFENDANT FROM EXCLUDING HER FROM THE SAID PARTNERSHIP.

Plaintiff is represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, and defendant by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Junior, instructed by Mr. H. L. Kwan.

Mr. Potter said his client was the son-in-law of plaintiff, and first became compradore of Gilman's in 1935. Former partners in the compradore department were plaintiff's husband, son and defendant.

It was agreed, stated Counsel, between plaintiff and defendant, that they should enter into partnership when he became compradore. Plaintiff put in a fifth share of \$10,000. It was admitted that the parties were partners, and, according to the evidence, it would be established that the object of the partnership was to carry out a contract. It was clear that the only asset of this partnership was the compradoreship. It was clear, too, contended Mr. Potter that it was not contemplated that the partnership was to be a partnership at will.

ASSETS OF PARTNERSHIP

Mr. Potter submitted that the partnership was formed to carry out a certain single venture or undertaking and that the partnership was not determinable at will, as it was founded for the express purpose of carrying out a contract and for no other purpose.

This partnership differed from an ordinary partnership, pointed out Mr. Potter, explaining that when the compradoreship came to an end the partnership automatically ended. If, as defendant claimed, the partnership was determinable at will, then the only asset of the partnership was in defendant. Under no circumstances could the partnership be dissolved, as defendant has purported to do. The only question to be answered was whether the partnership was a partnership at will.

Mr. Potter pointed out that the partnership was to last as long as the compradoreship lasted and submitted that the reality of the case was that this was a single venture.

AGREEMENT TEXT

The Rev. H. R. Wells, called as an expert in Chinese, translated the agreement as follows: "The persons who make this agreement, are Leung Nai-yuen and Fong Shuk-king. As Leung Nai-yuen has agreed to undertake the compradoreship in the company of Gilman's in Hong Kong, Fong Shuk-king agrees to take up capital to the amount of \$10,000. The two parties agree that in the future profits and losses in the business must be proportionately divided according to the agreement. Leung Nai-yuen takes four shares and Fong Shuk-king takes one share. Nothing contrary to be said."

Examined by Mr. Potter, witness said that the two Chinese characters "Tseung Loi", meaning in the future, conveys to witness that the partnership was to go on through-

out the future, having no limitation.

Cross-examined by Mr. D'Almada, witness replied that that the four characters at the end of the agreement meaning "nothing to the contrary to be said" was to prevent loopholes in the document.

Witness said that if the two characters meaning "in the future" were omitted, the document would not have entirely the same meaning. As far as the general agreement was concerned it would be probably the same, but with the two characters inserted it conveyed that the partnership was to continue as long as the business in which the parties were engaged existed.

Witness agreed that he did not come across many partnership agreements in the course of his work.

ANOTHER OPINION

Mr. T. F. Lo, barrister-at-law, stated that did not agree with Mr. Wells that the two characters in the document conveyed permanency of the partnership and could not be terminated by either party at will. Witness could gather nothing from reading the agreement to convey that the partnership could not be determinable at will.

The two characters meaning "in the future" governed the statement of profits and losses. It was inserted to mean that the present partnership was to have nothing to do with any previous partnerships, that the future profits and losses were to be proportionately taken up by the two parties. Usually, stated witness, the characters were inserted as a matter of course, and were frequently found in partnership agreements.

Witness said there was nothing in the agreement to show that it was not a partnership at will. There were no terms relating to the duration of the partnership.

The case is continuing.

MOTORING CASES

Fines of \$5 were imposed by Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy on Mrs. Johnstone, of Knutsford Hotel, for driving in the wrong direction in Chater Road on April 11, on Dr. J. H. McElney of Alexandra Buildings for causing an obstruction outside Kelly and Walsh on April 14, and on Mr. L. M. S. Lloyd of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. for parking his car over the time limit in Pedder Street.

NO LICENCE

Miss Yvonne Yeung Sau-king was fined \$10 this morning by Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy for driving her car after her licence had expired on April 9. It was stated that the licence had since been renewed.

CHILD DROWNED

The body of Leung Yui-mui, aged 9, who was drowned when swimming in Kennedy Town on Sunday was found on the foreshore near the Chung Sing bathing shed.

ROMANOFF-HOHENZOLLERN WEDDING ENLIVENS THE CHATEAU OF DOORN

Amsterdam, To-day.

Never before has the Chateau of Doorn seen such a crowd of Royal guests as will be present tomorrow on the occasion of the wedding (by Protestant rites) of Prince Louis Ferdinand of Prussia, grandson of the former Kaiser Wilhelm, with Grand Duchess Kyra of Russia, daughter of Grand Duke Cyril, who as head of the Romanoff Dynasty, proclaimed himself Czar of all the Russias in 1924.

The alliance between the two members of the former ruling Dynasties of Hohenzollern and Romanoff is international even to-day. The ceremony will take place in the modest private chapel and will be consecrated by Pastor Bruno Doehring, of Potsdam.

THREE INJURED IN SUDETEN DISTURBANCE

PRAGUE, TO-DAY.

A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE CZECHO-SLOVAKIAN GOVERNMENT ADMITS THAT THREE PERSONS WERE INJURED DURING THE SUDETEN GERMAN DEMONSTRATIONS AND CZECH COUNTER-DEMONSTRATIONS AT TROPPAU ON SATURDAY, WHEN POLICE DISPERSED THE DEMONSTRATORS.

The communique adds that a high official of the Ministry of Interior has been sent to Troppau, and promises punishment in case the investigation should reveal the responsibility of any member of the executive for the "regrettable incident."—Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH PRIEST IN HOPEI KILLED BY IRREGULARS

Father Josephus Sontag, 39-year old French Catholic priest, was shot and killed on April 8 near Sienhsien, Hopei, according to information received in Shanghai by mission authorities.

The report reaching Shanghai stated that the priest was out on a business trip with one of his Chinese assistants when they encountered a group of Chinese irregulars. Without warning, it was

At luncheon, Kaiser Wilhelm will make a speech in honour of the newly-married couple. Later the young couple will go on the wedding trip around the world during which they will visit England, the United States and Asia.

The Prince being a keen aviator, the couple will travel by aeroplane as much as possible.

After one year's journey, the couple will settle in the Berlin suburb of Grunewald at a villa, the wedding present of ex-Kaiser Wilhelm.

LUFTHANSA POST

The Prince will then resume his duties at the German Lufthansa.

The young couple met first at the Cecilienhof, Potsdam, where the Prince's mother, Crown-Princess Cecilie, had invited Grand Duchess Kyra after Prince Friedrich, brother of the bridegroom, had met her in England.

Kaiser Wilhelm gladly gave his consent to the match when Prince Louis Ferdinand introduced her to his grandfather at Doorn.

HEAD OF FAMILY

After his grandfather and father, the former Crown Prince Wilhelm, Prince Louis Ferdinand will become chief of the Hohenzollern family since his elder brother, Prince Wilhelm, renounced his rights by his marriage with Dorothea von Salviati.—Trans-Ocean.

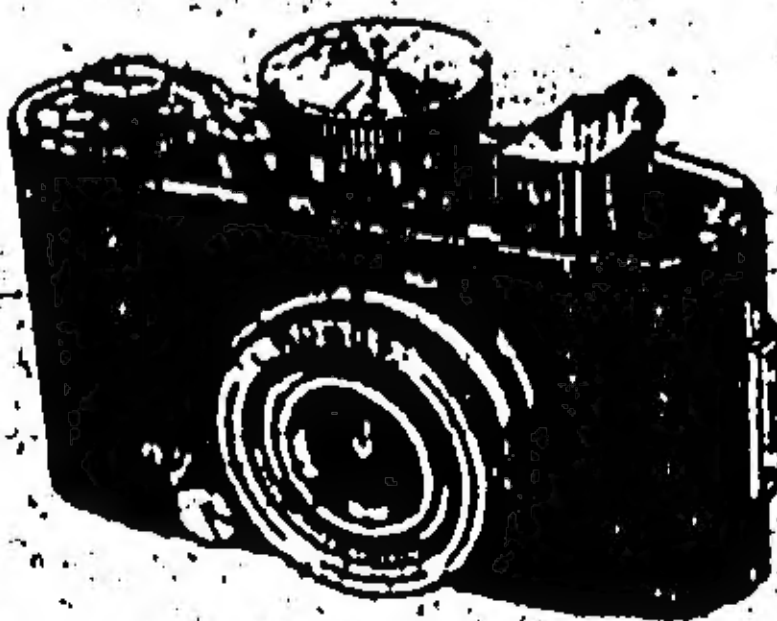
stated, one of the men opened fire, the single bullet hitting the priest in the chest. Father Sontag died instantly.

The Chinese assistant, however, escaped injury when he fell flat on his face and later identified himself to the armed men.

Mission authorities who received news of the killing had no information regarding the reason of the killing. The report intimated that

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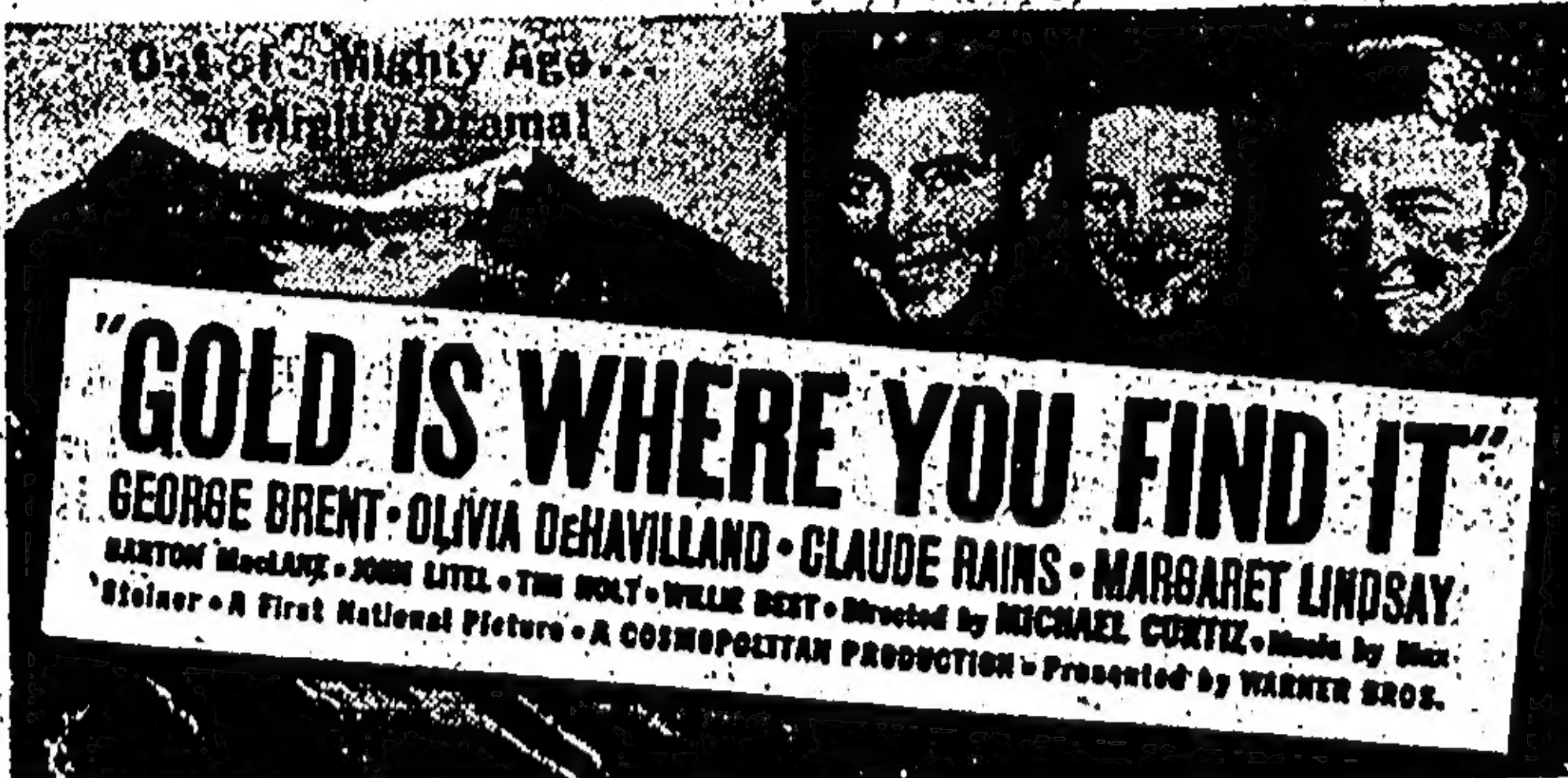
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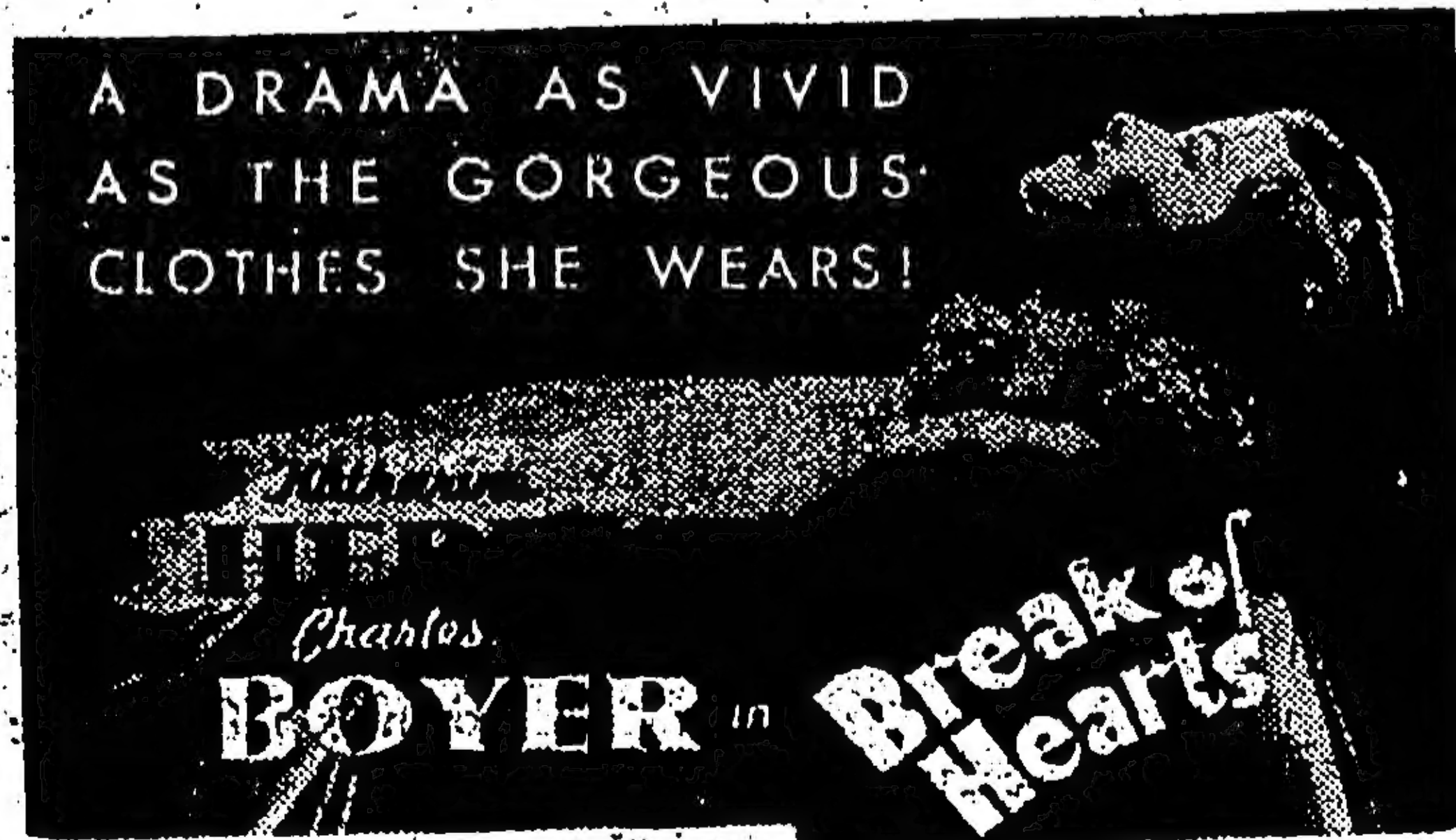
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the shooting was an accident. Father Sontag came to China only two years ago and during the short period he was attached to the Hopei mission he had been

learning the language. The incident, it is understood, has been reported to the authorities of the French Embassy in Shanghai.

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CHAMBERLAIN JUSTIFIES POLICY IN ROME

London, To-day.

In the course of a long speech, when moving that the House of Commons approve the results of the recent conversations at Rome, Mr. Chamberlain said he had been encouraged by the agreement and the almost universal chorus of praise and congratulation it had evoked, to hope that the first step has been taken towards a healthier and saner state of things in Europe.

"I believe for Italy and ourselves that this agreement marks the beginning of a new era. In former days, we had a close friendship with old Italy. To-day there is a new Italy — an Italy which under the stimulus of the personality of Signor Mussolini is showing new vigour, in which there is apparent a new vision and a new efficiency in administration in measures which they are taking to improve the conditions of their people.

With the laying aside of temporary differences by this agreement, I believe we may look forward to a friendship with the new Italy as firmly based as that by which we were bound to the old."

After examining in detail the Protocol and its Annexes, Mr. Chamberlain said he thought the House would agree they dealt in a very careful and comprehensive manner with possible sources of difficulty between Britain and Italy.

AIM OF POLICY

The Premier described the place of the Agreement in the general scheme of the Government's foreign policy, the aim of which was to restore general confidence that peace could and would be maintained. Without that confidence, no progress was possible in international affairs. They could only obtain that confidence if they succeeded in removing the grievances, differences and suspicion which, unchecked, might lead to war.

It was not a task which could be accomplished in a moment or all at once, but if they could eliminate the danger spots one by one they might, in time, find themselves in a position to arrive at the goal.

Nobody could doubt that before the signing of the agreement, relations between Italy and Britain and between Italy and France constituted one of those danger spots.

WANT OF TRUST

His Majesty's Government believed the danger could be removed by the application of goodwill and common sense to the problems which had arisen very largely, as they believed, out of a want of trust and confidence. But to accomplish that it was necessary to face facts, however unpalatable these facts might be, and he thought perhaps it was in the Government's willingness to face realities and make the best of them that the difference lay between them and the Opposition.

The Agreement had been designed to cover comprehensively the whole ground of the relations between Britain and Italy in certain areas of the world and it paved the way for future co-operation and understanding in those areas in interests were found to be parallel — the Mediterranean, the North-East corner of Africa and the Middle East.

The signing of the Agreement, the Premier declared, amid Ministerial cheers, had already effected a radical change in the relations between the Italian and British Governments.

AGREEMENT'S EFFECT

Clouds of mistrust and suspicion had been cleared away and the two nations could now regard one another with confidence and promote mutual friendship instead of with hostility.

The Premier then turned to the question of the Agreement's coming into force.

He said: "Full effect cannot be given to this Agreement until we can regard the Spanish situation as settled and find ourselves in a position to acknowledge the Italian conquest of Ethiopia. As to Spain, there had been suspicions, frequently expressed, that Italy would refuse to withdraw volunteers in accordance with the Non-Intervention Committee's proposal and that she was desirous to obtain for herself some permanent position in Spain or in some Spanish overseas possessions and I therefore desire to call particular attention to Count Ciano's letter in which he gave three specific assurances to the British Government."

GOOD FAITH

After reading the assurances to the House he said, "I wish to state that His Majesty's government accept them as being given in good faith and believe the Italian Government intend to keep them in spirit as well as in letter."

This brought Mr. Chamberlain to the question of the recognition of the Italian conquest of Ethiopia.

He said: "I would like to remind the House that a number of different States members of the League whose loyalty to the League cannot be questioned have taken a different view of this matter from that held by His Majesty's Government. They have taken it that their collective obligations in this matter were discharged on 4th July, 1936, when the Assembly passed a resolution abolishing sanctions, and their view was, therefore, that State Members were consequently free to take whatever action seemed good to them in the light of their own situation and what they considered to be their obligations. That is a perfectly comprehensive view and a number of powerful and convincing arguments can be brought in support of it."

NO CRITICISM

Certainly His Majesty's Government do not desire to criticise any States that have taken that view but as far as they are concerned they, in common with many others, have held that this is not a question which concerns ourselves alone but one which requires consideration.

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VIGOROUS OPPOSITION ATTACK ON NEW ROME PACT

Conservative Majority Ensures Endorsement

Direct Criticism Of Mr. Neville Chamberlain

London, To-day.

Asking the House of Commons to approve the Anglo-Italian Agreement, Mr. Neville Chamberlain yesterday said that when he became Prime Minister, the situation between Britain and Italy was as bad as it had ever been.

Without some effort, it was in danger of becoming rapidly worse. The negotiations which resulted in agreement were begun, and were carried on, in a spirit of mutual accommodation and goodwill.

Mr. Chamberlain paid a tribute to the work of Lord Perth (Ambassador in Rome), Count Ciano (Italian Foreign Minister) and Count Grandi (Italian Ambassador in London).

The latter, he said, had won a position of confidence and respect in this country, and his efforts to remove doubts and misunderstandings were increasing and effective. Mr. Chamberlain emphasised that the confidence which made for peace could only be obtained if they succeeded in removing the grievances, differences and suspicions which, if unchecked, might lead to war.

WHOLE GROUND

The agreement was designed to cover the whole ground in relations between Britain and Italy. It paved the way for future co-operation in those areas in which British interests were paramount, namely the Mediterranean, the north-east corner of Africa and the Middle East.

The Prime Minister mentioned that Palestine was also discussed between Lord Perth and Count Ciano, and as a result, Count Ciano had given an oral assurance that the Italian Government would abstain from creating difficulties and embarrassments to the Administration in Palestine.

ITALIAN ASSURANCES

Lord Perth had given an assurance that his Majesty's Government intended on their part to preserve and protect legitimate Italian interests in Palestine.

Mr. Chamberlain emphasised that his Majesty's Government accepted Italian assurances respecting Spain as given in good faith, and believed the Italian Government intended to keep them in spirit.

They were encouraged to hope that they had taken only the first step towards a healthier and saner state of things in Europe. He believed that for Italy and Britain, the agreement marked the beginning of a new era.

PAST BAD FAITH

Moving the Labour amendment, Mr. Herbert Morrison declared that five out of eight points in the An-

glo-Italian Agreement were reaffirmations necessitated by past bad faith.

There was no guarantee of the new affirmations by Italy, and there was no probability that they would be any more respected than previously unless the Agreement related to the collective organisation of peace, which they were not.

It was essentially an Imperialistic agreement of the pre-War variety. It helped to make Italy a great Imperial power in the Near East, and unless she plays the game, we had helped to make her a greater menace to British interests there.

MORALLY REPUGNANT

Mr. Morrison declared that the agreement was contrary to British interests and morally repugnant and degrading to the best instincts of the people and the best feelings of the world.

It brought nearer the day when the British Empire and France would be faced directly with the issue of blackmail or war.

FOR PEACE

Lt-Col. L. C. M. S. Amery (Conservative) said the agreement was of incalculable value in the very dangerous and difficult times before us. The Prime Minister's courage had put into the hands of Britain the initiative for peace.

Sir Archibald Sinclair (Liberal) declared that by compelling recognition of the annexation of Abyssinia, and countenancing the Italian invasion of Spain, Mr. Chamberlain had shirked his responsibilities and had sacrificed the principles on which alone peace could be established.

COWARDLY SURRENDER

Mr. Lloyd George (Liberal) declared that the Prime Minister's policy was one of retreat and capitulation. The agreement was dishonourable and cowardly surrender. The Duchess of Atholl (Conserva-

LISBON OMNIBUS DISASTER

Lisbon, To-day.

Twenty passengers were killed and a number injured when a motorbus which left Oporto early yesterday morning, collided with a train on a bridge and fell into the river below.—Reuter.

tive) declared that the agreement proposed to let down Spain.

Mr. C. R. Attlee, winding up for Labour, said that Mr. Chamberlain's Premiership had been a year of unparalleled humiliation for the country. Mr. Chamberlain was widely and justly distrusted all over the country.

GOVERNMENT REPLY

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, winding up for the Government, claimed that Mr. Chamberlain's policy was eminently successful, and gave as instances the Anglo-Eire Agreement, the Anglo-French talks and the Anglo-American trade agreement negotiations.

Replying to a question, whether there was any unwritten undertaking behind the agreement, Mr. Butler firmly gave an assurance that there was no undertaking in regard to a loan or any other matter to which reference had been made.

The Labour amendment was defeated by 322 votes to 110.—Reuter.

VON DIRKSEN IN LONDON

London, To-day.

The papers here publish yesterday morning long articles welcoming the new German Ambassador, von Dirksen, who arrived yesterday afternoon.

The articles stress especially the experience he gained as a diplomatist in Moscow and Tokyo and observed that the new Ambassador is a valued collaborator of the Chancellor as well as of the Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop. —Trans-Ocean.

GREATNESS OF TASK

London, To-day.

The new German Ambassador to Britain, Dr. Herbert von Dirksen, arrived in London yesterday afternoon.

He was welcomed at the station by the German Embassy staff and by Sir John Monck, Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, on behalf of the British Government.

To press representatives, the Ambassador declared that he felt it a great honour, and was conscious of the greatness of his task in Great Britain. He would do his best to work for improvement of relations between Great Britain and Germany and for better understanding between the two nations. —Trans-Ocean.

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Can British Pledges Secure The Way Of Peace?

Voices are being raised just now in divers tones demanding that Great Britain shall range herself forthwith alongside France and Soviet Russia and pledge her armed support to Czechoslovakia, should her independence be attacked by Germany.

Only thus, it is claimed, can we be sure of deterring Germany from seizing a pretext for repeating in Czechoslovakia what she has just so smoothly but ruthlessly accomplished in Austria. For Czechoslovakia, like Belgium in 1914, will resist the aggressor to the last gasp and, with France and Russia moving swiftly with concerted measures to her rescue, assurance could be made doubly sure by a firm British pledge, which Germany knows will be honoured if once it be given.

Such is the argument, and those who press it boldly say that there would have been no war in 1914 if Great Britain had let Germany clearly understand at an earlier date that she would stand firmly by France and Belgium.

It is this latter proposition that I desire to examine briefly in a purely objective and historical spirit, in view of the important part which it is bound to play in the circumstances which have now arisen. If it can be upheld, it must be allowed the full weight that belongs to it; if not, it is a specious, and may even be a dangerous, illusion.

Liberal Reluctance

It sounds—after the event—as simple a proposition as the other once familiar proposition, that if we had been ready with a great army before August, 1914, Germany would have held Austria back at the last moment from insistence on war with Serbia.

Yet it was freely admitted by all the responsible chiefs of the Liberal Government that at no time after 1906 could they have created an army on the scale required to take part in a Continental war, for the reason that the Cabinet would have split in fragments over such a proposal and both the Liberal and Labour parties would have frenziedly opposed it.

Only with the utmost difficulty were the Liberal rank and file reluctantly induced to support the Haldane programme of the Expeditionary Force and the Territorial Army and the Churchill Big Navy programme. The Labourites steadily resisted both. They hated the Entente with Russia because they hated the Russian autocracy, and they were suspicious of the French Entente because it linked this country indirectly with support of Tsardom. If there had been no invasion of Belgium the British people would have been split in two on the subject of intervention in the war on the side of France and Russia.

A Forecast Rebutted

Mr. Lloyd George observes in his "Memoirs" (vol. I, p. 67):

"It is a misfortune that Sir Edward Grey did not sooner and more boldly play this card of our treaty pledges to Belgium. It might have averted war altogether."

Such is the way in which historical truth is perverted, in order to make a case. The possibility of the invasion of Belgium hardly entered into public discussion until just before the crime was committed. True, there were those who had prophesied for years that Germany would choose that route

of invasion into France, because the military obstacles were there the least formidable, and that her pledged word—given in 1839 and again in 1870—would not hold her back, if she saw a way to profit thereby.

They proved to be right in the end. But those who expressed such views were fiercely reproved by those who would not hear a word against German good faith, and were accused of fomenting the war spirit and hindering the forces which made for peace.

Germany was as deeply pledged as France or Great Britain to observe the independence of Belgium; with what face could the Liberal British Government, then doing its utmost to arrive at a working understanding with Germany, while preserving its special friendship with France, have threatened Germany with war if she broke her faith over the independence of Belgium?

As for France and the French High Command, so little had the idea of the invasion of Belgium entered into their mind that their whole initial plan of campaign was

BY
J.B. FIRTH

based upon confident assumption in which that invasion had no place, and had hurriedly to be recast at an appalling cost in casualties.

Belgium Not Sounded

Herr von Kuhlmann (Counsellor of the German Embassy in London under Lichnowsky) told Lord D'Abernon in 1924 that he and other German diplomats knew practically nothing about the German military plans of campaign, and certainly were not aware that the 15-year-old Schlieffen plan involving the invasion of Belgium had been firmly adopted. He assured him, too, that "no exchange of views, either written or verbal, concerning England's attitude in the Great War had ever formed the subject of correspondence between the Wilhelmstrasse and the German Embassy in London." Why? Because Lichnowsky, in Lord D'Abernon's view, was considered by his chiefs in Berlin "too pro-English" to be trusted overfar.

Belgium herself, apparently, was never sounded by the German Foreign Office as to what would be her attitude in the event of the violation of Belgian territory until Bethmann-Hollweg sent his infamous ultimatum to Brussels demanding free passage to German troops on pain of being treated as an enemy. The date of its despatch was Aug. 2. Lord D'Abernon says:

"On Aug. 3, the day before the declaration of war, I sat next to Asquith at luncheon when the King of the Belgians' telegram arrived. Asquith handed it to me and said, 'That will decide action by us.' My strong impression is that until the telegram arrived he still hoped either for peace or if not for peace at least for the possibility of keeping England out."

"Hands Still Free"

Belgium, therefore, was not in the picture till she declared on Aug. 1 that she would defend her independence, and the day after received the ultimatum from Berlin. What had been agitating the

British Cabinet and the British people during the previous week was whether they should take their stand by France. They were under no "diplomatic obligation"—in M. Poincaré's phrase—to do so. In the previous formal exchanges of Notes between the two Governments Great British had emphasised her full right to determine her course of action if any contingency arose.

As the days wore on the British Cabinet became more and more divided as to their moral, apart from their legal, obligations to stand by France, and as late as Aug. 1 Grey told the German Ambassador: "Our hands are still free."

The utmost concession the British Cabinet made to M. Cambon's urgent entreaties prior to the actual invasion of Belgium was a pledge to deny the passage of the Straits of Dover to the German Fleet in case they meditated an attack on the northern ports of France. "It is needless to inquire," wrote Grey in his "Twenty-five Years," "whether the (anti-war) group included half or less or more than half the Cabinet: it was sufficient in number and influence to have broken up the Cabinet."

Similarly Asquith wrote in his "Genesis of the War," "It is useless to speculate upon what might have happened had Germany avoided the fatal blunder of Belgian violation, but it is certain that the British nation could not then have gone into war with a united front."

The overwhelming desire of the British people was to keep out of the war, if that were compatible with honour. The real reason why we could not keep out, wrote Grey, was that if we did not stand by France and stand up for Belgium against this aggression, "we should be isolated, discredited and hated, and there would be before us nothing but a miserable and ignoble future."

The United States Ambassador to London, Dr. Walter H. Page, placed on record his recollections of his momentous interview with Grey on Tuesday, Aug. 4, after the British ultimatum had been despatched to Germany:

"Germany," said Grey, "has violated the neutrality of Belgium. That means bad faith. It means also the end of Belgium's independence. But it will not end with Belgium. Next will come Holland and after Holland, Denmark. This very morning the Swedish minister informed me that Germany had made overtures to Sweden to come in on Germany's side. This one great military power means to annex Belgium, Holland and the Scandinavian States and to subjugate France. England would be for ever contemptible if it should sit by and see this treaty violated."

At What Moment?

What evidence is there in this recital that the fatal chain of causation would have been broken if the British Government had warned the German that Great Britain would in any event take her stand by France? There is none.

The German mind was resolved that "The Day" of opportunity had come to settle with Russia, with France, and, if Britain interfered, then with Britain too.

No British Government—least of all Mr. Asquith's Government in 1914—could think of giving such a pledge without relation to some specific event of transcendent importance.

At what moment, from Agadir down to Aug. 4, 1914, could the British Liberal Government have given the unqualified pledge to France which, according to hypothesis after the event, would have acted as a sufficiently powerful deterrent to Germany? Mr. Churchill's detailed argument on this head in his "World Crisis" (Chapter ix.) has never been refuted.

What alone swung all Britain into line was the invasion of Belgium. Not till Aug. 2 was Belgian independence threatened, and the German invaders, so to speak, carried the ultimatum with them. When throughout that slow-moving July ought the British Government to have warned Berlin that the invasion of Belgium meant Britain's entry into the war, or, supposing the warning to have been given, when would it have been effective? People forget how far advanced July was before anxiety became at all acute. The British suggestions mediation were not rejected by Germany until July 27. The next day Austria declared war on Serbia, and the die was cast.

Whatever may be the right course for a British Government to adopt to-day, there is no safe or useful analogy to be found in the courses taken or rejected by the British Government in 1914. Such slight superficial resemblances as may be detected only emphasise the basic and irreconcilable differences of the contrast.

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Enthusiasm Shown In Germany And Italy

Berlin, To-day.

City workers were given a half day's holiday and lined the streets and cheered Herr Hitler as he and his suite drove to the station yesterday to entrain for Rome.

Two special trains drew out of the station at 4.40 p.m. In the first train was Herr Hitler, accompanied by Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop (Foreign Minister), Dr. Joseph Goebbels (Propaganda Minister), Rudolf Hess (the Fuehrer's Deputy), and Dr. Frank, and in the second train travelled leading officials of the Foreign Office, leading members of the party, army and police chiefs.

Field-Marshal Goering, who represents Herr Hitler during the latter's absence, addressed the Fuehrer on the platform.

"Your meeting with Mussolini in Italy," he declared, "will once again manifest the strength of the Rome-Berlin axis."

"The meeting of the greatest men of this century will serve the interests of peace of the two peoples and of the world."—Reuter.

ABLAZE WITH SWASTIKAS

Trans-Ocean says that the whole of Berlin was ablaze with swastikas and gaily decked with greenery.

Herr Hitler shook hands at the station with all those who had come to see him off, and then the two special trains, each consisting of eleven carriages, pulled out of the station.

ITALIAN COMMENT

Rome, To-day.

Great prominence is given to the visit of the Fuehrer to Rome in yesterday's papers, here which in long articles proclaim the importance of the historic meeting of Hitler and Mussolini. Numerous pictures bear testimony to the adornment of the three cities of Naples, Florence and Rome, to displays of Young Fascists and to the military, naval and air force manoeuvres which will be held in honour of the Fuehrer.

"Stampa" reproduces two coloured photographs of the Fuehrer and the Duce which take up more than half the title page, on the other half which is printed in bold letters "Recollections of the Duce's Visit to Germany."

"The Italian people will never forget the Duce's visit to the Reich and when the Fuehrer of the Greater Germany accompanied by Mussolini appears before the Italian people, he will win their hearts. Italy awaits Hitler in joyful anticipation in order to show him how hearts hardened by conflicts and difficulties are capable of mutual understanding and rejoice-

ITALO-FRENCH AGREEMENT

Paris, To-day.

The Rome correspondent of the newspaper "Le Journal" states that it is generally expected that the new Italo-French Agreement will be signed on May 14.

ing in the hour for fortune and victory," concludes the paper.

AXIS' VALUE

"Popolo d'Italia" reviews the political developments which brought Germany and Italy together and gave the Berlin-Rome Axis such an enormous capacity of resistance. Hitler is a great leader, his visit is of greatest importance and "very unpleasant for opponents of Fascism and National Socialism."

This visit is a new stage in the development of the international situation and will show both friends and enemies, the axis' value of sacrifice for a mutual understanding and unity of strength and faith.—Trans-Ocean.

SIAMESE PRINCE CREW "ADrift"

Three members of the crew of the "Siamese Prince" were this morning charged with vagrancy before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy and were committed to the House of Detention. Expulsion orders were made against them.

They were Edward Pestana, Amat Bin Doolah and Ali Bin Mohamed. They all missed the boat, which sailed earlier than they expected.

ROYAL ACADEMY SUMMER EXHIBITION

London, To-day.

The Royal Academy Exhibition was opened to the public yesterday and a large crowd saw the beautiful paintings.

Much interest was shown in a painting of the Coronation which will be presented to the King.—Reuter.

YANGTSE LEVEL ABOVE TWENTY-YEAR AVERAGE

The water level of the Yangtse River at Hankow and Kiukiang is two feet higher than the 20-year average for this season of the year.

The Hankow watermark showed a depth of 16 feet 3 inches on April 9 and 21 feet 3 inches on March 29. This shows a drop of 5 feet early this month, a usual occurrence at this time of the year.

Water levels at Kiukiang were 16 feet on April 21 and 16 feet 9 inches on April 12.

July and August are the months of highest water level. Due to the inadequacy of data at hand rivermen say reasonably accurate predictions cannot be made on the maximum height the Yangtse may be expected to reach this summer. The 20-year average, however, is close to 35 feet at Hankow, the flood danger height, and it is probable that the river level will not be lower this year.

Navigation depths between Shanghai and Hankow are determined by adding 7 feet 5 inches to the Kiukiang water level. This gives the depth of water in Hunter's Island Bluff Channel, the shallowest stretch of channel below Hankow.

Navigation depths to Ichang are similarly calculated by adding 7 feet 2 inches to the Shasi water level which gives the depth of No. 30 Crossing channel, shallowest stretch below Ichang.

Daily reports of the river for points above Kiukiang are mailed from Hankow to the Chinese Maritime Customs authorities but due to mail irregularity sometimes are two weeks or longer in transit. No recent data is available for the river south of Kiukiang.

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Market: Dull.

First defendant had \$35 in his possession but said it belonged to the bosun. The ship had sailed for Shanghai and it was uncertain when it would return.

SUGGESTIONS OF NEW AXIS AGREEMENTS DISCOUNTED

Berlin, To-day.

Rumours current abroad that written agreements between Germany and Italy would be signed on the occasion of Herr Hitler's visit to Rome, find no confirmation in well-informed quarters.

The fact that Herr Hitler is accompanied by a number of prominent experts from various Ministries, is not considered as confirmation that enquiries might become necessary which could be answered immediately by these experts.

The participation of Dr. Gaus, chief of the legal department of the Foreign Office, has caused much speculation, but it is explained that Dr. Gaus has always prominently co-operated in the development of Italo-German relations, and it is considered natural that he should go to Rome.

MATTER OF COURSE

It is declared that as a matter of course, Hitler and Mussolini will discuss a number of questions besides those concerning exclusively the two countries, but also questions of general European importance, like Spain, the Mediterranean, the Anschluss, the Anglo-French talks and the Franco-Italian negotiations.

Well-informed circles emphasise that the Rome talks will be only to establish once more mutual unanimity regarding important European current problems without formulating concrete details.—Trans-Ocean.



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JAPAN'S NEXT STEP

It was an Englishman, William Dampier, and not a Japanese who made the famous comment on the natives of Papua: "A fierce and intractable race of savages who, when fired upon, did not scruple to retaliate." But Japanese Ministers responsible for official statements of policy towards China would surely recognise in Dampier a close spiritual affinity.

"The Chinese Government, not appreciating the true intentions of Japan, persists in its opposition to Japan without consideration of the internal situation, which shows its people in a miserable plight, or for the peace and tranquillity of East Asia."

In spite of Japanese "patience" the obstinate Chinese have refused to submit; when fired upon they did not scruple to retaliate. So the war goes on. Not that Japan would seriously refuse to consider peace if peace were offered. It is well known that the Japanese Government hoped that the fall of Nanking would provide an opportunity for peace negotiations. Their hopes of course were vain, as vain as they will be if any reliance is

placed on reports of possible British mediation. The Japanese forces have gone too far to expect a negotiated peace and are getting even farther away from the position of enforcing a dictated peace.

It may be taken for granted that Japanese Army and Navy commanders on active duty have never entertained hope of negotiations' success and have throughout prepared their plans for a continuation of war although the civilian authorities, most strongly represented in the Cabinet and the Privy Council, were rightly nervous of the economic strain and the international situation; and would welcome peace (on advantageous terms) as soon as possible. The Army now demands vigorous action in the North to improve its precarious position there and also to prepare against possible intervention by Soviet Russia. The Navy, on the other hand, dissatisfied with its meagre share of glory, demands further expansion southwards. Just as the Army has one eye on Russia, the Navy has one on Britain. Of the three policies, that advocated by the Navy is far the most dangerous and for that reason is opposed by the Cabinet, which on this point may have the support of the Army. But as the Cabinet could hardly hope to carry through a policy of moderation in the face of combined military opposition, it recently decided to support the Army's plan as the lesser of two evils. For the moment that amiable Admiral Suet-sugu has been defeated, though this is not to say that he will not try again. There is good warrant for accepting the reliability of the report of the Formosa Conference last week. If the attack on Canton is still postponed it is due to the Army's refusal to spare the number of men necessary for so serious an operation until the position in the North has been clarified. By itself the Navy can hardly do more than continue "experimental landings" on the coast. But failure of the new operations against Hsuehowfu may very well mean that Japanese eyes will again become sharply focussed on the south with the "supplies bogey" beckoning them on.

CHINESE DEFINITELY GAINING UPPER HAND

Flank Attack Moving Round On Matoucheng

WILLIAMSON DISPUTE STILL OUTSTANDING

The "China Mail" understands that no settlement of the dispute between Messrs. Williamson and Co. and the Company's officers has yet been arrived at.

The officers, who had presented certain demands for better terms of employment, were given to understand that a reply from the company would be given yesterday.

The reply having failed to materialise, the China Coast Officers' Guild and the Marine Engineers' Guild of China, is today reminding the Company that the issue is still very much alive.

It is understood that no decision as to the handing in of Notices, should such an eventuality prove necessary, can be taken at present as none of the Company's ships are in port.

It will be recalled that the dispute between the officers of various other River and Coastal shipping companies was settled on Saturday, with the granting of all the officers' demands.

THREAT OF ORISSA CABINET RESIGNATION

CALCUTTA, TO-DAY.

THE PREMIER OF ORISSA PROVINCE STATED YESTERDAY THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES WILL RESIGN ON THURSDAY UNLESS THERE IS A DEVELOPMENT IN THE SITUATION BEFORE THAT TIME.

The Orissa Ministry objected to appointment of the Revenue Commissioner as Acting Governor during the absence on leave of the Governor.

The Ministry maintained that the Revenue Commissioner was subordinate to the Ministry, and that the Chief Justice should have been appointed to the post.—Reuter.

PLANE "INCIDENT" IN HARBOUR

A Walrus single-engined seaplane, from H.M.S. Birmingham, returning from a flight this morning at about 10.30 a.m. made a heavy landing in gusty weather, and was towed back to the cruiser.

Some excitement was caused in the belief that an accident had occurred, but there was at no time any mishap or danger.

Big Attack On Taierchwang Anticipated

Hankow, To-day.

"The Chinese forces at present are not only gaining the upper hand in south Shantung but the situation in Shansi, Hopei, Kiangsu and Chekiang is developing in favour of the Chinese," declared the Chinese military spokesman reviewing the situation at the press conference last night.

The spokesman added that the Chinese troops are attacking Tancheng in three columns, the main body from the south, the left wing advancing north-west on Matoucheng and the right wing moving around the Japanese flank to the north-east.

The main body of Japanese troops is pushing south from the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, and others are moving from Linyi south-westward.

As soon as these columns meet, a joint drive on Taierchwang is expected.

The spokesman said the Japanese troops have suffered heavy casualties during the past week in repeated attacks on the Chinese positions, which remain unchanged.

Reports from the front indicate that the Japanese are attacking in strength and are spending their reinforcements from Nanking and Wuhu. Their drive on Pengpu and Hohsien has made little progress, while at Yenchin they have been effectively checked.

SHANSI SUCCESS

Chinese troops in Shansi, on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, are making satisfactory progress, and the mountainous areas in east and west Shansi are in the hands of Chinese forces.

In west Shansi, Chinese troops are occupying an area extending from places south of Tatung to cities west of Fengyang, while in west Suiyuan, the Chinese are pushing on to Kweisai.—Reuter.

TANCHENG ENCIRCLED

Hankow, To-day.

Tancheng has been completely encircled by the Chinese and is expected to be recaptured shortly, according to the latest military despatches from the front.

The Chinese forces on the south side of the town are reported to have reached villages one kilometre south of Tancheng.

On the west, Chinese troops are attacking Matoucheng, and on the east a Chinese flying column, after moving round the Japanese flank and reaching a point behind Tancheng, has launched an attack from the north-east.

WUHU SECTOR

Successes in the Wuhu sector are also claimed by the Chinese.

According to the Chinese communiqué, Chinese troops are converging on Hsuanchen, an important railway and road town near Wuhu, in three columns. One column from the south-west is said to have reached a point only 400 metres from the city, a column from the west is only two kilometres distant and a detachment from the south is reported to have captured Sunchaipu after very severe street fighting.—Reuter.

THURLAND CASTLE REFLOATED

The s.s. Thurland Castle (of the Dodwell Castle Line) which went aground on Tam Kai Island yesterday morning, was refloated last evening, during an unusually high tide, and arrived in harbour, escorted by the Henry Keswick and the Alliance.

She anchored in Kowloon Bay for the night and proceeded to Stonecutters this morning, where she is now being inspected to ascertain the extent of the damage, which is believed to be limited to the forepart of the ship.

SLIPPED OFF ROCKS UNAIDED

Later.

It is now learned that the Thurland Castle refloated without external aid, slipping off the rocks into deep water during heavy weather at about 8 p.m. last night.

She arrived in Kowloon Bay at about 11.30 p.m.

FRENCH THREE YEAR PLAN

Paris, To-day.

Following a Cabinet Council yesterday morning for deliberation of the three-year plan the President of the Republic signed the first part of the announced Government decrees last night.

The decrees to be signed on Wednesday include three groups.

First group deals with the Budget and questions connected with it. Second group deals with industrial production and the third with the problem of credits.—Trans-Ocean.

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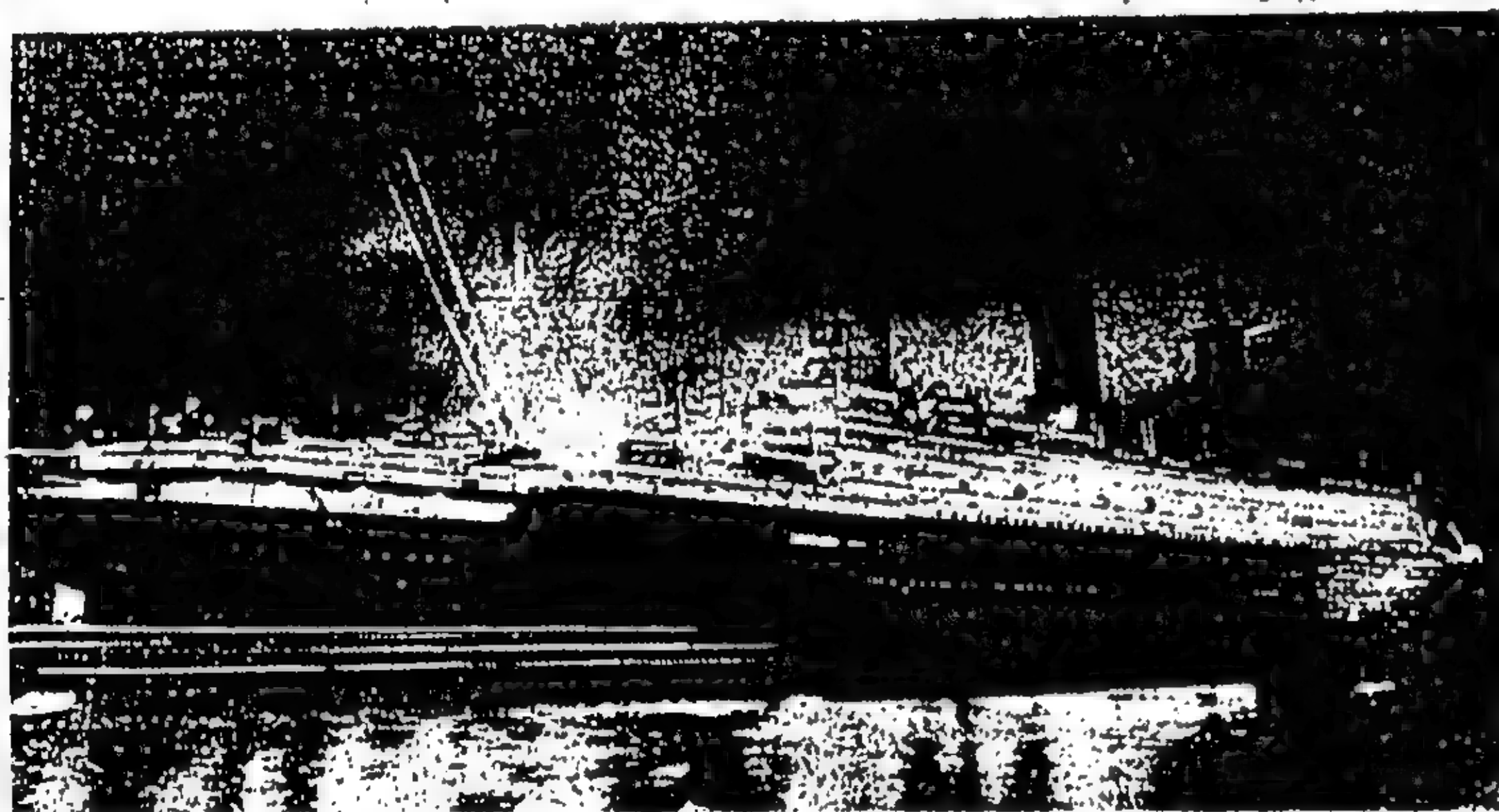


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Full Text Of British Customs Agreement With Japan

London, To-day.

Measures to be taken by the Japanese Government for the regulation of Customs matters in the areas occupied by the Japanese Forces in China during the period of hostilities are dealt with in the following communique issued in London and Tokyo:—

"Unofficial conversations have been taking place since February last between the British Ambassador and the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs regarding the servicing of foreign obligations secured on the Chinese Maritime Customs and other relevant matters.

As a result of this exchange of views, the Japanese Government have notified His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of the temporary measures they propose to take during the period of hostilities to regulate these matters and they have received in reply assurances that the British Government will, for their part, offer no objection to the application of these measures for the period mentioned.

OTHERS AGREE

It is further understood that the Governments of the United States and France do not propose to raise any objection to the temporary application of these arrangements.

"According to the arrangements which will be the subject of reconsideration in the event of a radical change occurring in economic conditions, all revenues collected by the Customs at each port within the areas under Japanese occupation are to be deposited with the Yokohama Specie Bank.

From revenues thus deposited the foreign loan quotas will be remitted to the Inspector General of Customs to meet in full the servicing of foreign loans and indemnities secured on Customs revenue.

The servicing of such foreign loans and indemnities will be treated as a first charge on the revenue after deducting the maintenance expenses of the Customs Administration and certain Customs payments and grants.

LOAN QUOTAS

Foreign loan quotas for each port will be determined monthly in proportion to the share of that port total gross collections for all ports during the preceding month.

"Arrangements will also be made for the payment to the Japanese Government of the arrears on the Japanese portion of the Boxer Indemnity held at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank since last September, for meeting future payments in respect of the Japanese portion of the Boxer Indemnity and the Japanese share of the reorganisation Loan of 1913, for the repayment of the overdraft incurred by Inspector General of Customs since January in relation to Shanghai, a share of the foreign loan service which has been accumulating in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank at Shanghai and for the transfer to the Yokohama Specie Bank of the balance of the Customs accounts with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank in each port under Japanese occupation and its utilisation for the future servicing of foreign obligations."

CHINA'S CREDIT

The arrangements referred to in the above communique are the result of negotiations conducted by His Majesty's Ambassador at Tokyo with the Japanese Government since last February and having regard to the military situation in the Far East appear to His Majesty's Government to offer the best guarantee obtainable for safeguarding the interests of holders of China's foreign obligations secured on the Customs revenues and thereby to assist in maintaining China's credit.—British Wireless.

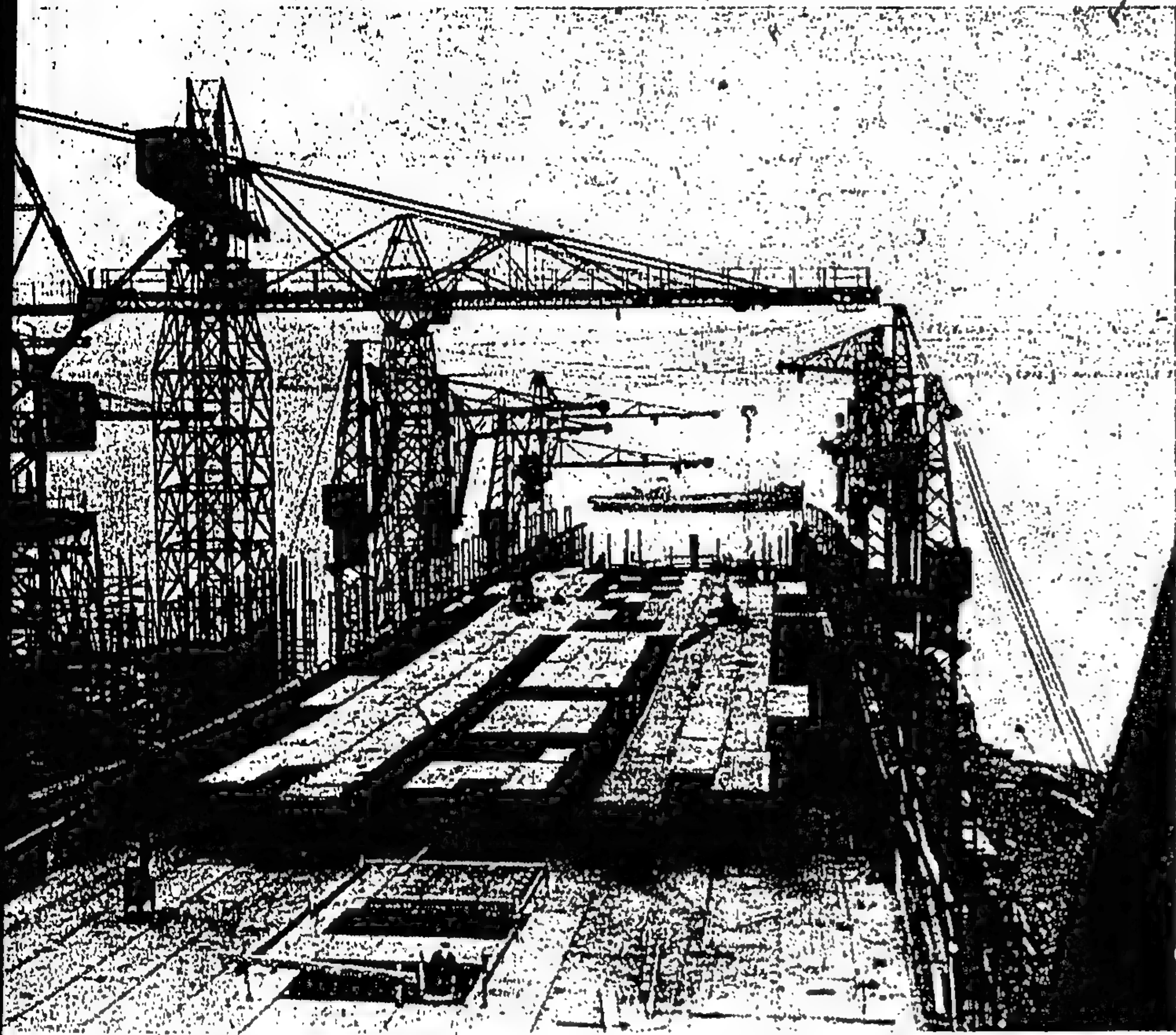
S.P.C. MEETING

At the S. P. C. Executive Committee monthly meeting, the case report for March showed 140 new cases involving 178 children. At the end of March, 547 cases were under supervision.

The financial statement showed that an additional \$12,000 would have to be found for the remaining six months of the Society's financial year. Three new members joined the Executive Committee, Mr. M. A. Jones, the new Branch Hon. Secretary in Kowloon, also Mr. F. P. Franklin and Mr. A. Pollock.

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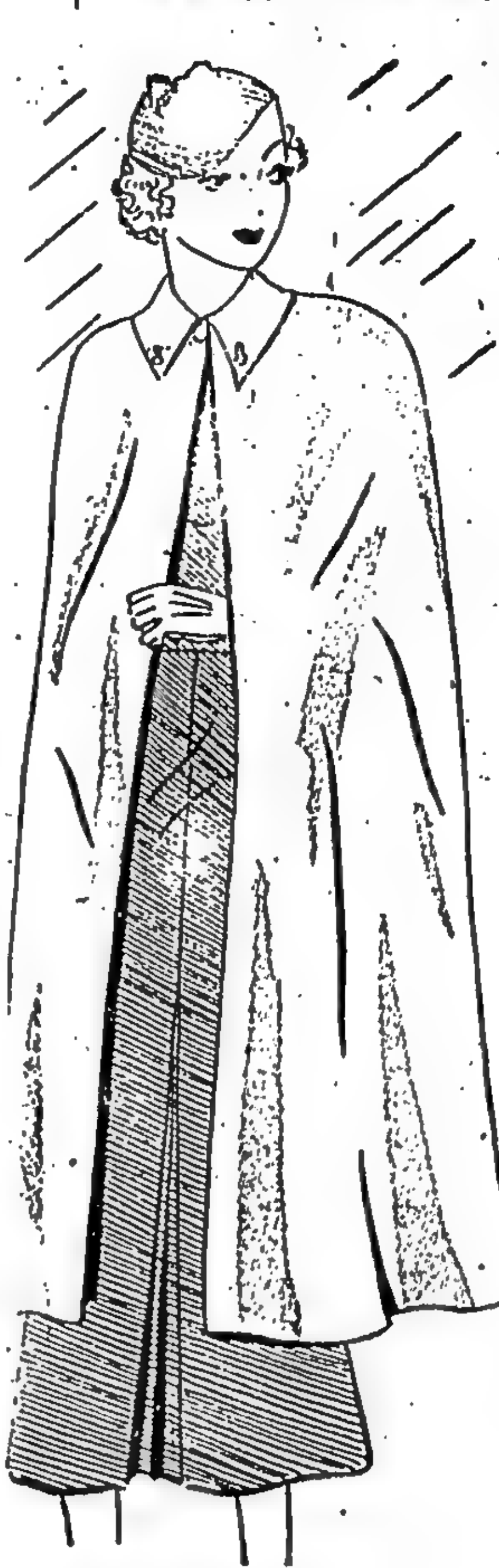
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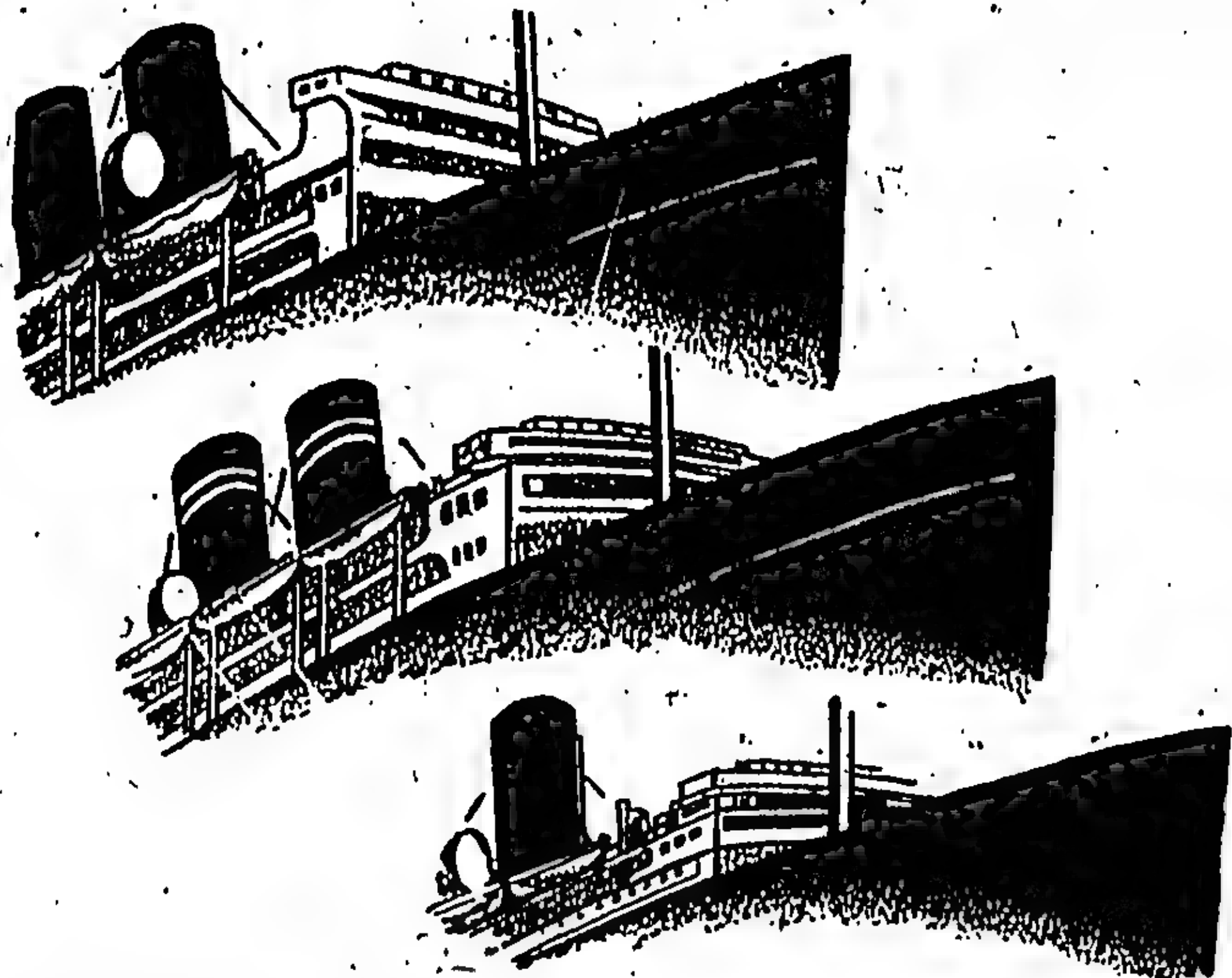


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Shanghai	Sarpedon	May 3.
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 28th April.	Imperial Airways Plane	May 4.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 27th April	Pan-American Airways Plane	May 4.
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Shanghai	Tuesday	
Manila, Saigon, *Bangkok, *Straits and *Batavia	Suiyang	May 3, 2.30 p.m.
Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar, *Lourenco-Marques, and *South Africa. (To connect with the s.s. "Tegelberg" at Batavia—leaving Batavia on 24th May).	Roggeveen	May 3, 5.00 p.m.
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	Wednesday	
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Wed., May 4, 8.15 a.m.
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Swatow and Shanghai	Kiangsu	Wed., May 4, 12.30 p.m.
*Straits, *Ceylon, *India, Aden, Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 3rd June and London	Sarpedon	Wed., May 4, G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Parcels—due London, 9th June.	Par.,	May 4, 11 a.m.
	Reg.,	May 4, 12.45 p.m.
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Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 15th May.	Hawaii Maru	Wed., May 4, G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Reg.,	Wed., May 4, 1.30 p.m.
	Ord.,	Wed., May 4, 2.00 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, E. and S. Africa	Hawaii Maru	Wed., May 4, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kweiyang	Wed., May 4, 2.30 p.m.
Manila, *Japan, *Canada and *U.S.A., —due Victoria B.C., 29th May.	Pres. Jackson	Wed., May 4, 2.30 p.m.
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Samshui and Wuchow	Kong Ning	May 5, 8.15 a.m.
Hoihow	Muinam	May 5, 11.30 a.m.
Kongmoon	Tai Lee	May 5, 10 a.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America & *Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 23rd May and *Europe via Siberia.	Pres. Coolidge	Thurs., May 5, G.P.O. & K.P.O.
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Bangkok	Nanchang	May 5, 5 p.m.
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Manila	Emp. of Russia	May 5, 4.30 p.m.
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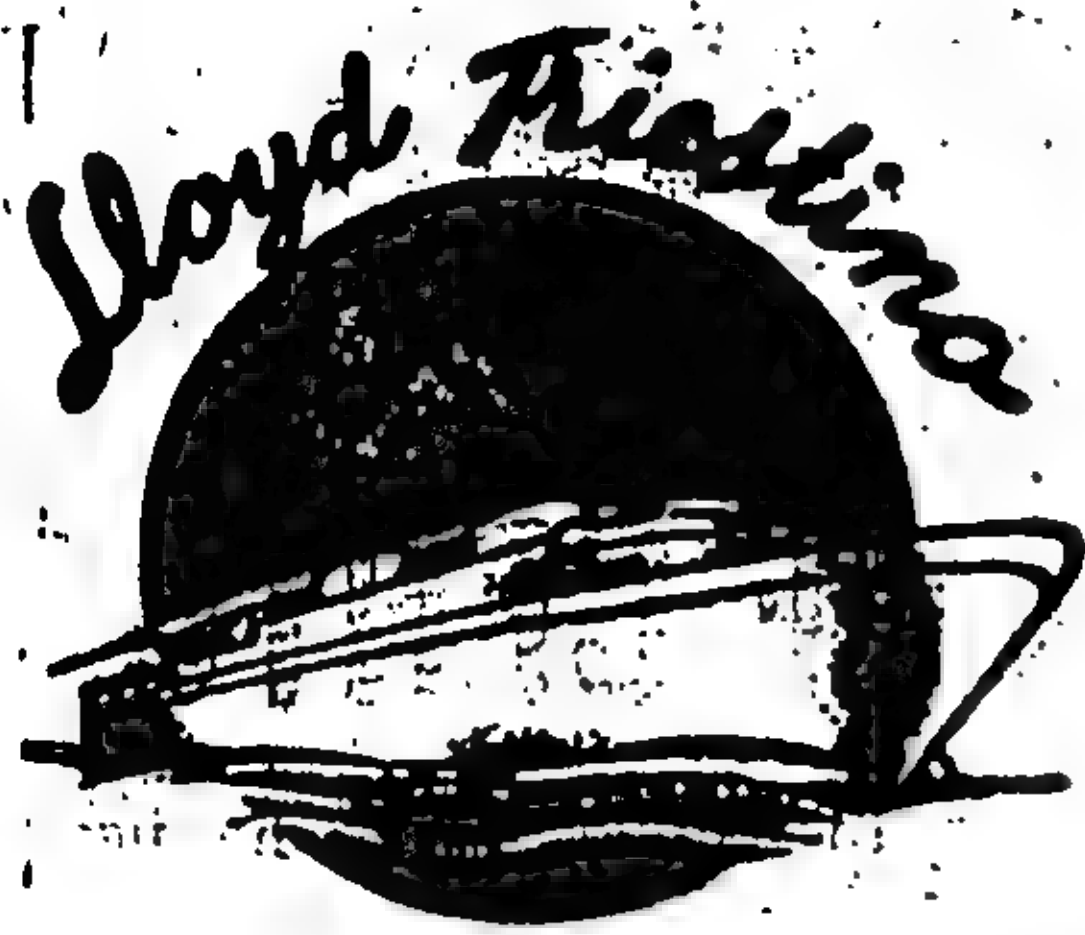
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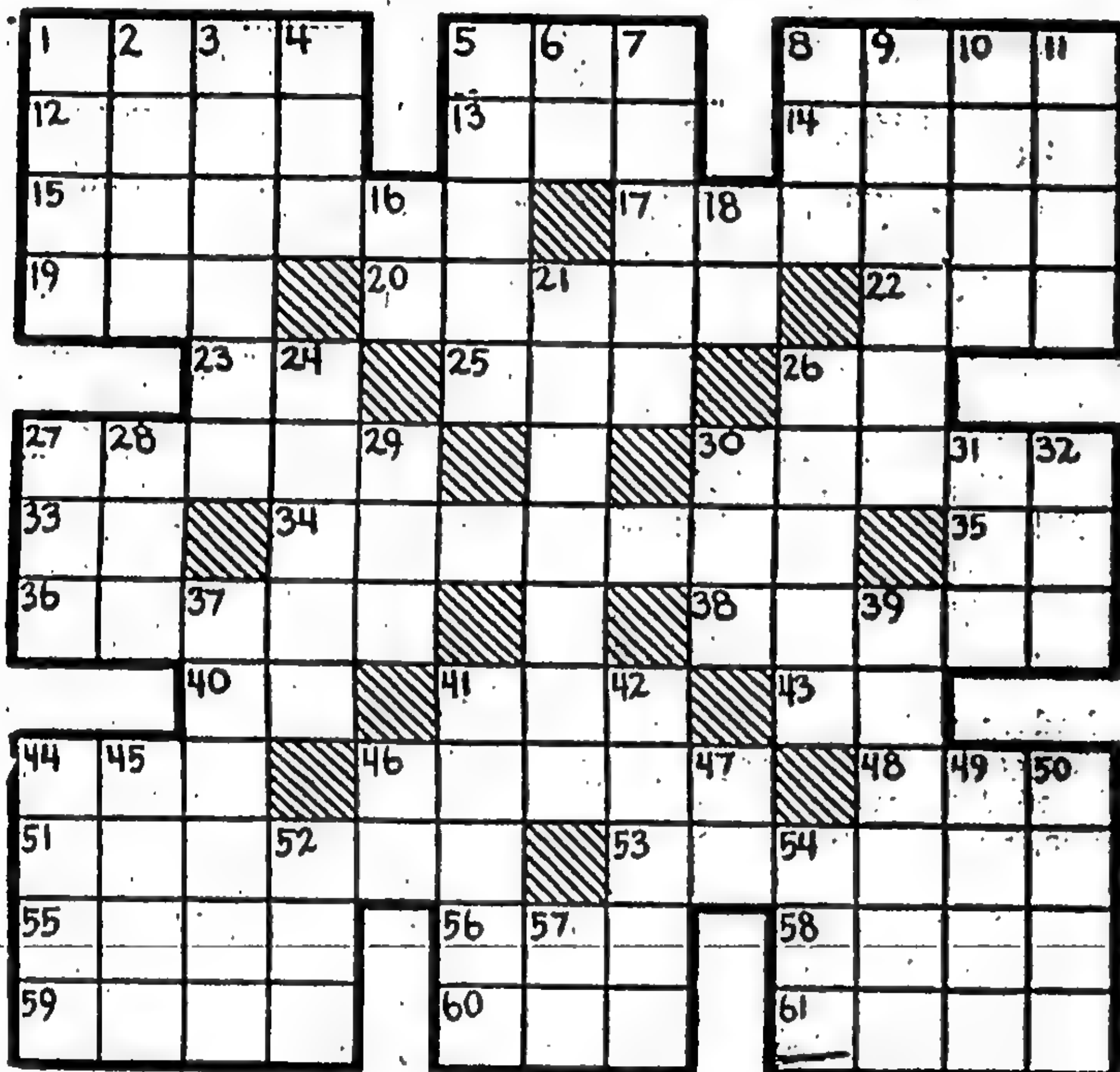
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- 5-Definite article
- 8-Bristle (Bot.)
- 12-Large lake
- 13-Residence (abbr.)
- 14-Units
- 15-Cuddle
- 17-Decide
- 19-Dakota (abbr.)
- 20-Terminated
- 22-Note in Guido's scale
- 23-Type measure
- 25-Noise
- 26-Railroad (abbr.)
- 27-Traverses in a car
- 30-Passageway
- 33-Conjunction
- 34-To expand
- 35-Comparative suffix
- 36-Prohibit
- 38-Taut
- 40-The (Sp.)
- 41-Terminate
- 43-Musical note
- 44-Small bed

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 46-Comrades
- 48-Observed
- 51-Horn
- 53-Nattier
- 55-Sly (Scot.)
- 56-Numbers (abbr.)
- 58-Heart
- 59-Beginner
- 30-Pronoun
- 31-Ireland

VERTICAL

- 1-Go
- 2-Surface
- 3-Hazarded
- 4-Lace fabric
- 5-Tendency
- 6-Pronoun
- 7-Prussian city
- 8-Drunkard
- 9-Penetrates
- 10-Ngrate
- 11-On the ocean
- 6-The (Fr.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 18-Suffix to form past tense
- 21-Far
- 24-Disk of merit
- 26-Horseman
- 27-Length measure
- 28-Anger
- 29-A title
- 30-An insect
- 31-The (Fr.)
- 32-Before
- 37-Nicer
- 39-Oldest and wisest member of a group
- 41-Gains
- 42-Compact
- 44-Hurl
- 45-Sole
- 46-Myself
- 47-Prefix. Apart
- 49-Combining form. Air
- 50-Singing bird
- 52-Lion (Lat.)
- 54-High card
- 57-Interjection

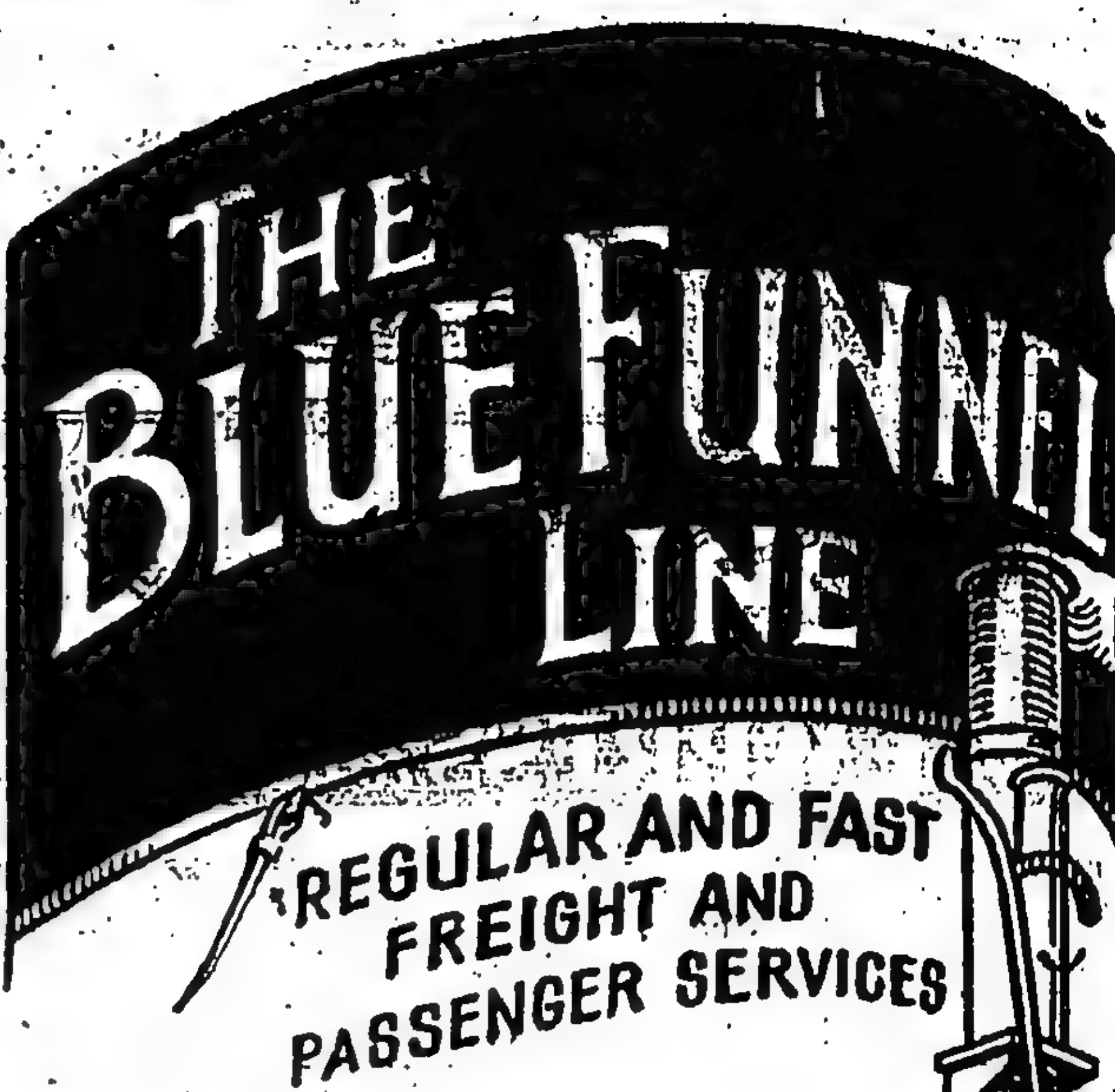
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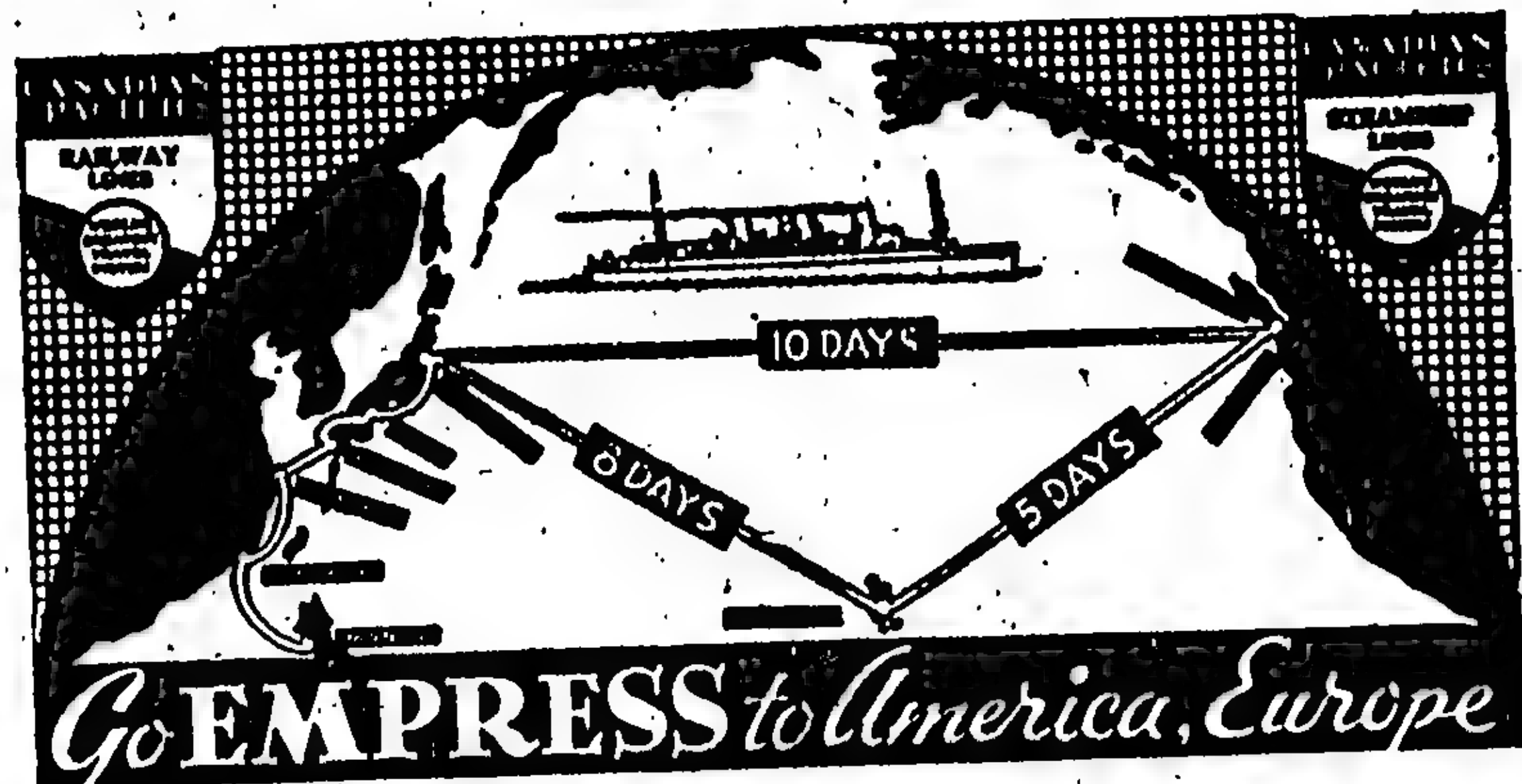
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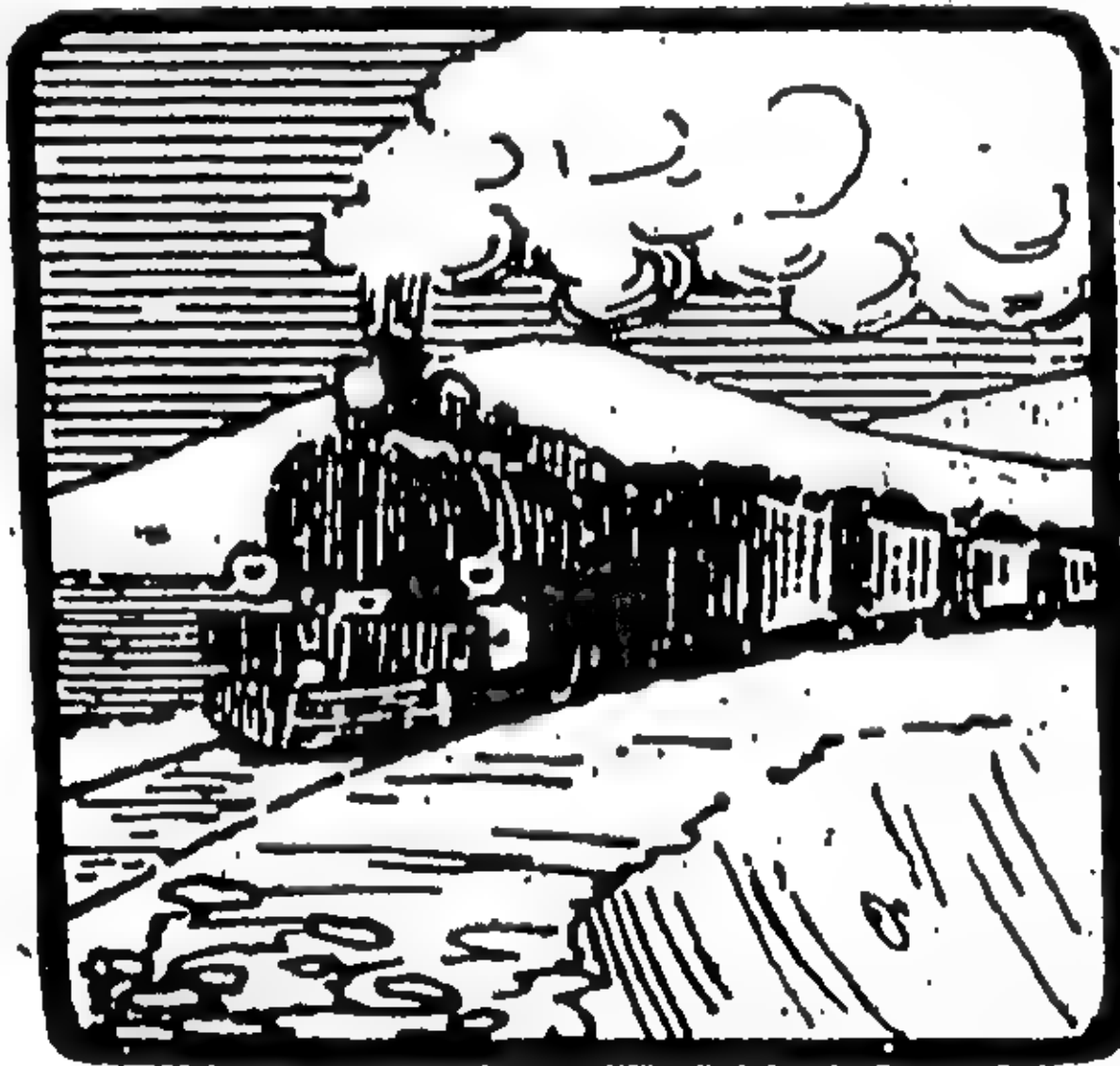
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"GREY OWL" BROUGHT OFF ONE OF GREATEST MASQUERADES OF CENTURY

London, April 20.
 Hastings holds the secret of Grey Owl, the "twentieth century Hiawatha," who, until death revealed him as a fake, was accepted by the world as the romantic son of a Scotsman and a beautiful Apache Red Indian girl.

This picturesque figure who lived in a Saskatchewan shack, cooked his own meals, studied folklore, and became Canada's foremost naturalist, brought off one of the greatest masquerades of the century—and it made him a fortune.

But the records prove that he was born on September 18, 1888, at 32, St. James's-road, Hastings, and was christened Archibald Stansfeld Belaney. His father was George F. Belaney, a planter; his mother's maiden name was Kittle Morris.

Old boys of Hastings Grammar School remember him. He used to come to class with snakes and lizards in his pockets, rubbed sticks together to make fire, whooped round the playground with Red Indian feathers round his head, whirling a tomahawk.

Later, on February 10, 1917, while serving as a sniper in the Canadian Army, he married at the parish church of Hollington, near by, Florence Ivy Mary Holmes, a doctor's daughter. He described his father as an architect.

She did not return to Canada with him. The marriage was dissolved, and Mrs. Belaney has since remarried. She is living in England.

He had previously—in 1908—married, according to native rites, a full-blooded Ojibway Indian named Angele, at Bear Island, Ontario.

FRIEND SAYS "FANTASTIC"

Grey Owl was brought up by two maiden aunts at his birthplace in St. James's-road. And while they were identifying him beyond any doubt yesterday, his London agent and closest friend in this country, Mr. H. Lovat Dickson, was describing stories of the masquerade as "fantastic."

"Grey Owl was a noble and forthright character," said Mr. Dickson. "He never deceived me in any of our dealings."

"I am convinced he was truthful when he described himself as the son of an Apache and a Scotsman who went to live with the Indian tribes."

"I am sure he never married an English woman. He lived a simple life, thinking only of animals and how he could help them, neither drinking nor smoking."

"He was a rich man. More than 100,000 copies of his books have been sold in England alone. I doubt if he spent \$20 a year on himself."

Mr. C. Foster, of Downlands-road, Purley, was one of those who went to Hastings Grammar School with Archie Belaney. He was with him there from 1902 to 1904.

CARRIED SNAKES, BEETLES

"He was crazy about animals," said Mr. Foster. "He always had snakes, frogs, beetles or rats, somewhere about him. He would produce a brown snake which he would say was an adder with its fangs drawn—'Not dangerous if you know

how to handle them,' he used to boast."

He used to call himself "Big Chief Oshkewosh" or something of the sort. He said he had Indian blood, but we laughed at him; he was obviously pure English.

"He was a tall, rather nice-looking lad. He was big enough for a man when he went to Canada at about sixteen. I remember now that his best subject at school was essay writing."

"Most of the boys thought he was a bit cracked. We used to call him 'The Squaw Man' when we got sick of his tales, because we had heard that was a term of contempt among Red Indian chiefs."

An East Sheen man who also went to school with Belaney said: "I can recognise him from the pictures of Grey Owl in the Daily Express."

"I know that aquiline nose well, I punched it many a time when we were boxing."

"We used to go long walks together. He would think nothing of walking from Hastings to Rye and down to the sea and back—thirty miles or so."

"We used to collect snakes together. One of mine—an adder—bit him on a middle finger. He had to be treated in Hastings Hospital, and the bite left a permanent mark. It might be possible to identify him by that."

"After he had gone to Canada I heard through his aunts that he had been appointed a game warden, and some years later that he had married an Indian girl."

"I met his mother once. I got the impression she was a Mexican. He told me his father was living in Mexico."

SAW HIS AUNTS LAST YEAR

One of Grey Owl's aunts, Miss Ada Belaney, of Wellington-road, Hastings, said to me: "It is quite true he was a Hastings boy. He had a passionate love for animals; that is really why he changed his name to Grey Owl."

"We saw him three years ago when he came to the White Rock Pavilion at Hastings, and gave a lecture on his travels. We did not recognise him then, but last year he came to see us, and told us of his life in Canada. By then I knew his identity."

"He was able to keep his real name hidden all those years because he was an amazing actor. He really made himself Grey Owl."

MACAO'S INTERPORT SOCCER XI

The following 15 players have been selected to represent Macao:—

Alexandre Airoso (Artillery).
 Artur dos Santos (Artillery).
 Acacio G. Conde (Artillery).
 Americo Cordova (Artillery).
 Antonio Colaco (Tenebroso). (capt.).
 Delfim Carvalho (Tenebroso).
 Fernando Guerreiro (Argonauta).
 Joao Lopes (Tenebroso).
 Lau Hing Choi (Nam Fong).
 Francisco Lobato (Artillery).
 Ho Cho Seng (Argonauta).
 Lau Chung Sang (Nam Fong).
 Luis Badarraco (Tenebroso).
 Nito Souza (Artillery).
 Manuel Rego (Tenebroso).

WANG KEH-MIN ARRIVES IN TOKYO

Tokyo, To-day.
As representative of the pro-Japanese Chinese Governments, Wang Keh-min, the head of the provisional Government in Peiping arrived here yesterday being welcomed by the Deputy Minister of War, General Umezu, and representatives of the army and the Foreign Office.

It is announced semi-officially that Wang Keh-min will discuss with the Prime-Minister, Prince Konoye, and other members of the Japanese Government, military, political and economic proposals for a fusion of the Governments in Peiping and Nanking. A fusion can only be effected, however, when the railway line between Peiping and Hankow is completely under Japanese control.

After the new Central Government in Peiping has been proclaimed, the recognition by Japan will soon follow and diplomatic representatives will be exchanged, continues the report.

Means of communication between Manchukuo and North China were further supplemented yesterday when direct telephonic and telegraphic connection was established between Hsinking and Shanghai, which is to be extended to other towns.—Trans-Ocean.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS
Hong Kong Bank \$1590/80 sa.
Hong Kong Bank (Lon. Reg) £94 b.

INSURANCES
Union Ins. \$527 b.

SHIPPING
H. K. Steamboats \$22 sa.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.
H. K. and K. Wharves \$137½ b., \$138 sa., \$133/7½ sa.
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Providents (Old) \$3.80 b., \$3.80/85 sa.
Providents (New) \$3.70/75 sa.

MINING
Venz: Goldfield \$2½ b.
Antamoks Ps. 50 sa.
Atoks Ps. 22 sa.
Benguet Consol. Ps. 9.40 sa.
Coco Grove Ps. 57 sa.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. 19 sa.
San Mauricio Ps. 48 sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. 18 sa.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H. K. and S. Hotels \$7.55 sa., \$7.55 sa.
H. K. Lands \$37½ b.
H. K. Lands 4% Debentures 101 b.
Humphreys \$9.10 b.
H. K. Realities \$6.30 sa.

PUBLIC UTILITIES
H. K. Tramways \$17.25 b., \$17.45 sa., \$17.20/25 sa.
Peak Trams (Old) \$7 b.
Star Ferries \$86 b.
China Lights (Old) \$12.15 b., \$12.35 sa.
China Lights (New) \$9.10 b.
H. K. Electrics \$60½ b., \$61 sa.
Macao Electrics \$17½ b.
Telephones (Old) \$27.60 b.
Telephones (New) \$10.90 b.

INDUSTRIALS
Cements \$18½ b., \$18¼/85 sa.

STORES, & C.
Dairy Farms \$24.60 b.

COTTON MILLS
Wing On Textile \$1.38 b.

MISCELLANEOUS
Entertainments \$6½ b.
Constructions \$1½ b.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G. \$ Bds. 77½ sa.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/- 8/10 b.

CHAMBERLAIN JUSTIFIES POLICY IN ROME

(Continued from Page 6)

ation by the appropriate organ of the League. The result of this difference of opinion is that some of those who took part in collective action have already recognised the Italian position in Ethiopia while others have taken action which implies or seems to imply recognition and others again have taken no action at all.

It is a confused and anomalous position—a situation which requires clearing. His Majesty's Government have taken the first step towards clarification by asking the Secretary-General to place an item dealing with this question on the agenda of the forthcoming Council which they consider the appropriate organ. The action does not mean we condone or approve the method by which Italy obtained control of Abyssinia. It does not mean we are going to ask the League to modify any resolution or decision it took during the period of conflict.

NO GOING BACK

The League has expressed its judgment on the whole affair in the plainest possible terms. There will be no going back on that. We do not intend to ask any other State to take any action they might deem incompatible with their obligations. Neither the action we take nor any action we may ask the Council to take in itself constitutes recognition. The act of recognition remains within the sovereign rights of each individual State.

In other words, so far as this country is concerned the time and circumstances of recognition remain in our own discretion. I have always maintained that the only circumstance in which recognition could be morally justified would be if it was shown to be an essential feature of a general appeasement. That is the position of the Government to-day. We could not feel we were taking an essential step to general appeasement unless at the same time we could see a Spanish settlement was within reach. That is the reason why we have made a Spanish settlement a requisite of this instrument.—British Wireless.

SOUTH AMERICA BOUNDARIES

Rio de Janeiro, To-day.

The Netherlands Minister and the Brazilian Foreign Minister signed an agreement yesterday respecting the boundary between Brazil and Netherlands Guiana.—Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2-27/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 18-11/16 and forward at 18-1/2.

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"AUSSIES" SET FOR VICTORY

FLEETWOOD-SMITH FORCES THE FOLLOW-ON

London, To-day.

The Australian cricket tourists, who opened their present tour against Worcestershire last Saturday, at Worcester, are well set for victory and after scoring 541 runs of which Don Bradman contributed his first double century (258) of the present tour, yesterday dismissed Worcester for 268, Fleetwood-Smith wreaking havoc to take 8 for 98, to force a follow on.

McCormick who also bowled had a disastrous spell and had 16 no-balls in his 0 for 44 overstepping the crease. O'Reilly had 1 for 77.

Worcester commenced their first innings very confidently, and at lunch had scored 99 without loss, but the rot set in soon afterwards and wickets fell fairly fast. Only the Hon. C. J. Lyttleton (50) and Cooper (61) defied the Australian attack for very long.

Mr. Walter Hammond, who was reinstated as an amateur during the close season, commenced his



season with an 89, contributing towards Gloucestershire's large total of 445, to which the Dark Blues replied with 229 and 60 for 0, before bad light and rain curtailed the day's play.

Rain also interfered with the M.C.C.-Yorkshire match, play stopping earlier than usual.

Scores, as cabled by Reuter, were. At Worcester, Worcestershire v. Australians.

Australians: 541 (D. G. Bradman 258, C. L. Badcock 67). Worcester: 268 (Lyttleton 50, Cooper 61; L. O. B. Fleetwood-Smith 8 for 98, E. L. McCormick 0 for 44, W. J. O'Reilly 1 for 77) and followed on 74 for 1.

At Oxford—Oxford University v. Gloucestershire. Oxford: 229 and 60 for 0.

Gloucester: 445 (W. R. Hammond 89). At Lord's—M.C.C. v. Yorkshire. Yorkshire: 339 and 21 for 1.

M.C.C.: 325. —Reuter.

THUMB-NAIL SKETCHES

"AUSSIE" TEST PLAYERS

To-day we publish the tenth unpublished biographies of the sixteen players selected to represent Australia in the 1938 Cricket Test series against England.

To-day's thumb-nail sketch is A. Lindsay Hassett (Victoria).

This young fair-haired batsman, in his first season as a Victorian regular, actually headed his State's averages in Sheffield Shield matches last season, and was second only to Don Bradman in the first class list.

With a highest score of 93 he made 503 runs in nine innings at an average of 71.85.

It was not until half way through the season that he secured his place. He figured in the Englishmen's return match against Victoria and made 54.

During the current season he has been equally consistent. He has a slightly two-eyed stance in contrast with most of Australia's star run-getters, but has fluent strokes all round the wicket, his cutting being crisp and his driving placed and effortless. A keen and clean fieldsman. Born August 28, 1913.

FOR WIMBLEDON

Sydney. Miss Joan Hartigan, former Australian champion, who reached the semi-final round of the singles at Wimbledon in both 1934 and 1935, will again compete at Wimbledon this year.

Miss Hartigan was not chosen for the women's team which will represent Australia in England officially, and is making the visit as a private individual. "My one objective is Wimbledon," she said. "I will not play on the Continent, and at present do not intend playing in any England tournaments other than Wimbledon."

AVERY WAS BONA FIDE MEMBER

APOLOGY TO K.F.C.

The "Avery" incident was again brought up at the monthly meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association last night and following Kowloon's assurance that Avery was a bona fide member, at the time he played for Kowloon against the Middlesex, it was decided that the Association write a letter regretting the misunderstanding.

The Association unanimously appointed Captain E. Hague, a former member of the Council as their representative in England.

A Council member stated that the Islington Corinthians' visit may be the forerunner of other similar visits and it would be desirable to have a representative, with a knowledge of local conditions.

It was also revealed that the sum of \$5,034, the proceeds of the Sunday Herald Charity Cup Competition, was available for allocation, and a sub-committee was appointed to deal with the matter.

Permission was also given for South China to arrange for a series of three games against the visiting Saigon football team, while it was agreed that the Association should field a team against the visitors on May 15.

The question of the increase in the number of representative matches, resulting in league games being postponed, was again brought up. It was decided to leave the matter to the Management Committee, so that a scheme may be recommended to the new Council, next season.

The next council meeting will be held on May 12, when among other business alternations of the rules will be considered.

SCRUMMAGE LAW

Union Issue Official Explanation

London.

"The following explanation is issued by the Committee of the Rugby Football Union in order to clear up the situation which has arisen in connection with Law 15.

"The intention is that, provided the directions embodied in Law 15 are strictly complied with, any foot, if able to, may play the ball. The object of the Law is to get the ball fairly into the scrum. The present failure is due to non-compliance with one or more of the following points:

"(a) The player putting the ball in is not standing at least three feet from the scrum on a line midway between and parallel to the two front

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G. W. Sewell (—15) beat H. Owen Hughes (—15) 6—1, 0—6, 6—0.

This proved to be one of the most remarkable matches I have ever seen as will be appreciated by the score. Such colossal fluctuation in form is almost incredible.

Sewell showed some excellent form in the first set and with Owen Hughes unable to do anything right, especially in his favourite departments, volleying and overhead, Sewell won the set very much as he liked and appeared likely to win in straight sets.

The second set saw a complete reversal. Owen Hughes brought off his first smash of the afternoon and thus heartened, he carried the battle into the enemy camp with renewed vigour. Up he went to the net on anything and in contrast to his exhibition at the opening, made no mistakes overhead.

Sewell became worried and lost length with his lobbing, while also making numerous other errors off the ground through being hurried. Owen Hughes carried on serenely, and winning six games in a row levelled the issue.

SEWELL'S TURN!

It was now Sewell's turn again. His opponent for some extraordinary reason decided that he might just as well play from the baseline. So, deserting his previous net campaign, he stayed at the back and admittedly played a number of pretty-looking ground strokes. But, the book says "Never change a winning game." In this case the book was proved to be true. Owen Hughes paid the penalty. Sewell, no longer hurried, regained his confidence. His driving became more firm. When attacked from the net in the later stages, he lobbed with uncanny accuracy. Owen Hughes tried for a while and then appeared to give up the ghost.

There is nothing more demoralising than being continually lobbed when you advance to the net. And when your ground strokes are not powerful enough for you to stay back, there is little more to it.

One humorous interlude in the final set passed most of the spectators by. The players changed after the first game. The second game lasted so long that they changed again. Following the third game they changed again. After the fourth game, Owen Hughes once again started to cross over but Sewell was not biting again and stayed put!

"(b) The ball is not being put in at 'moderate speed' with both hands from below the knee.

"(c) The ball is not pitching on the ground in the scrumage beyond the first foot of the nearest player of each front row.

"(d) Feet are being raised and advanced before the ball has pitched on the ground in the scrumage beyond a foot of the nearest player of each front row.

"Officials of constituent bodies and clubs must impress upon players the necessity of complying with the above points, and referees must enforce them. Non-observance, both of the letter and spirit of the Law, results in one team gaining an unfair advantage over the other."

TWO TINIES OF TENNIS

LIZANA DEFEATS GEM HOAHING

(By "STANLEY N. DOUST")

(By AIR MAIL)

Birmingham, April 21.

The two tiniest players in first-class lawn tennis, Chilean Senorita Anita Lizana, 5ft. tall, and Miss Gem Hoahing, 4ft. 5in. Chinese girl, were matched for the first time this afternoon.

They were playing in the semi-final singles at the Tally Ho Club, Birmingham, and Anita won 6-4, 6-3.

It was a picturesque match that attracted a big crowd.

A contrast in colour was provided by Anita's blue sports cardigan and Gem's green cardigan. Anita showed the smile that has made the people of this country adore her, but Gem's face was sphinx-like, and her staccato step as she walked on to the court betokened nervousness.

"LIEZANA"

The umpire, Mr. Alexander, insisted on pronouncing Lizana as Liezana, much to the amusement of the crowd.

"It is not the right pronunciation," Anita told me afterwards.

Anita showed her wonderful skill by producing a perfect drop shot which kept Gem guessing. After a while the Chinese girl's quick anticipation and her twinkling footwork enabled her to reach some of these shots, but always there was left an open court for Anita and seldom did she fail to take the opportunity.

SENIOR REST XI TO MEET SOUTH CHINA "B"

The following have been chosen to represent the Rest of the League against South China "B", the First Division Champions, at Sookunpoo, next Saturday at 5 p.m.

L. D. Skinner (Club); Watson (Middlesex) (Captain) and Sheehan (Middlesex); Fraser (Royal Scots), Bright (Middlesex) and Leung Wing-chui (South China "A"); T. Pile, (Police), Lai Shui-wing (South China "A"), Blake (Kowloon), Saw (Middlesex) and Bickford (Club).

Reserves:—Hussain (St. Joseph's), D. Leonard (St. Joseph's), Costa (St. Joseph's), Chui Lie-seng (Kowloon Chinese), Soong Ling-sing (Eastern), and Chan Bing-to (Eastern).

H.K.E.R.C. BOWLS TEAM

The following have been selected to represent the Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club against the Hong Kong Football Club:—

A. Tarbuck, J. F. Hadley, S. Deacon and W. B. Muskett (Skip). R. C. Butler, G. G. S. Thomson, G. T. Padgett and L. de Rome (Skip). J. F. Barron, A. F. Paul, J. F. Luny and J. Sloan (Skip). Reserve:—C. E. Gahagan.

PLAYERS TO SHARE IN TRANSFERS?

UNION'S LETTER TO THE LEAGUE

London, March 17.

Footballers are not only demanding an increase in wages, but also a share up to 20 per cent. of transfer fees and that benefits should be made compulsory.

The Football League received yesterday the reply of the Association Football Players' and Trainers' Union to their request for more information in respect of the union's appeal for increased wages, revision of the transfer system, benefits, insurances, &c.

The Union in their letter ask the League Management Committee to meet a deputation of the players. They adhere to their request for an increase in the maximum wage from £8 to £9, but withdraw the request for an increased minimum wage from £4 to £5. They ask that a player, if not offered the retaining fee of £208 per annum, may be given a transfer.

The Union point out that the suggested increases are intended to apply to parttime professionals engaged in other works, if the club permit, and are not meant to do away with benefits, bonuses and talent money.

SLIDING SCALE PLAN

Referring to wages offered on a sliding scale, the Union are prepared to produce evidence of "disgraceful" cases, and quote instances of footballers being unable to meet their weekly liabilities during the close season owing to insufficient wages.

The Union consider that transferred players should receive a fair share of the fee, and suggest 20 per cent. if the fee amounts to more than £4,000 or £5,000, 18 per cent. if a fee is more than £7,000 or £8,000, and so on.

RETAINING-FEE

Dealing with the many cases of hardship under the rule concerning players on the open to transfer list, the Union make an urgent request that such men should be paid a retaining fee of £3 per week if the fee is £500, and £2 if under £500.

The Union desire compulsory benefits for players completing five full seasons with a club, and request a special agreement covering players outside the Workmen's Compensation Act.



HUDDERSFIELD BEAT STOKE AT HOME

TRANMERE WIN AWAY

London, To-day. The following were the results of yesterday's Home football matches:

FIRST DIVISION	
Huddersfield	3 Stoke
Wolves	2 West Brom.
THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)	
Walsall	2 Mansfield
THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)	
Doncaster	2 York
Gateshead	5 Southport
Lincoln	0 Tranmere

—Reuter.

Final Standing Of Scottish League (First Division)

The concluding games in the Scottish League, First Division, were played last Saturday, Celtic regaining the title they last held in 1936, with a total of 61 points, while Hearts were runners-up, with 58 points. Rangers, last year's champions, finished third.

Dundee United and Morton finished second-last and last, respectively, and will be accordingly, relegated to the Second Division next season.

The following is the final League standing:

	P	A	F	Pts	GD
1 Celtic	38	27	7	114	42
2 Hearts	38	26	6	90	50
3 Rangers	38	18	13	75	49
4 Falkirk	38	19	9	82	52
5 Motherwell	38	17	10	78	69
6 Aberdeen	38	15	9	75	60
7 Partick	38	15	9	78	70
8 St. Johnstone	38	16	7	78	81
9 Lanark	38	11	13	68	73
10 Hibernian	38	11	13	57	65
11 Arbroath	38	11	13	58	79
12 Queen's Park	38	11	12	60	75
13 Hamilton	38	13	7	81	76
14 St. Mirren	38	14	5	58	66
15 Queen of South	38	11	11	58	71
16 Clyde	38	10	13	68	78
17 Ayr U.	38	9	15	66	85
18 Kilmarnock	38	12	9	65	91
19 Dundee	38	13	6	70	74
20 Morton	38	6	3	29	64

Last Of The Border Rugby "Sevens"

ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL'S RECORD TRIUMPH AT HAWICK

(By "AIR MAIL")

Glasgow, April 18.

It was as appropriate as it was unexpected that at the conclusion of Hawick's seven-a-side tournament at Mansfield Park, Mr. A. A. Lawrie, president of the Scottish Rugby Union, should present the trophy to Royal High School (F.P.), one of the original members of that body. Last winners there in 1914, the Schoolmen maintained the city club's monopoly of the Patterson Trophy over the past five years, in addition to setting up a scoring record in the final, when they defeated Hawick by six goals and two tries (36 points) to nothing.

Not even the warmest admirer of the Jock's Lodge representatives would ever have imagined that they could beat the best Hawick seven for some seasons by that margin, but the logical reason for the astonishing anti-climax was that the runners-up had had a much stiffer path to the final than their conquerors, and had to pay a heavy price for the pace they had set earlier in the tournament.

J. Beattie and his colleagues launched their effort to reassert Hawick's claim as "Queen of the Borders" on a positive wave of enthusiasm, and before meeting the School they had expended a prodigious amount of energy accounting for Heriot's (F.P.), winners at Melrose the previous week; Stewart's College (F.P.), the holders, and Edinburgh Academicals, who had got a bye into the second round. It was not physical power was limited in relation to that of the School, whose previous victims, Langholm, Jedforest, and Watsonians never looked like providing much trouble.

TWENTY POINTS IN TEN MINUTES

At all events, Hawick could produce none of the fire that had caused so much elation among their followers when E. T. Golligly ran almost the length of the field to open the Schoolmen's account in the final.

At the end of ten minutes Hawick were 20 points behind, and there was an appreciable thinning out of the crowd, which was estimated at 7000, as the Schoolmen began to increase their lead at will. It was not so much a case that their combination was so superlatively good as that Hawick had run themselves to a standstill.

DETERMINATION

Without a really fast player like J. Park, the School could feel satisfied that they ran up a total of 73 points in four ties. Never as spectacular as either Heriot's (F.P.) or Edinburgh Academicals had been at Melrose the previous week, they revealed plenty of determination, and were quick to make capital from the mistakes of their opponents.

Golligly, who has for some years now been accepted as one of those players who might have gone far



with a little luck, was their hardest runner, and had a highly successful afternoon with seven of their 17 tries. D. Murray was an astute scrum-half, and an expert at tiring his opponents by employing well-directed kicking; G. O. Bell, a staunch defender and capital goal-kicker; R. M. M'Arthur a winger who seemed to make more ground than many a faster player in other teams; and J. Watt, R. Bisset, and P. W. Tait a trio of forwards who got a big supply of the ball. Watt often revealed unsuspected pace in the open for a forward.

HAWICK'S CONSOLATION

Hawick will more readily forget the disastrous final when they consider the part they played in some of the most thrilling ties of the tournament. They may have been a trifle lucky to get the better of Heriot's (F.P.), but at least they "filled the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds' worth of distance run" and adopted a destructive policy to ensure that the polished backs from

"REVIEWER'S" SPORTS COMMENTARY

THE local football season concluded, officially, during the past week-end, with South China "A" and "B" carrying off the major honours, in the Senior Shield and First Division of the League respectively. South China "B" were very lucky to secure the senior League title as, strange as it may seem, they definitely deteriorated in their play following the visit of Islington/Corinthians. Their defeat at the hands of Middlesex, whom I nominate as next season's League champions, was no fluke and they had to go all out to take both points from Royal Scots on Saturday to make sure of the championship.

The actual season comes to an end next Sunday with the senior Champions versus the Rest match.

A NOTHER POPULAR local sport was resumed last Saturday when the "swat" stars and "batteries" were seen in action on the Caroline Hill diamond. Baseball has not yet taken a stranglehold in Hong Kong, but the time is not far distant when League fixtures will become just as crowded as in soccer.

I AM not a little disappointed regarding the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis League's decision not to revise the ruling concerning the make of ball to be used for League games. At present any standard make of ball recognised by the Amateur Lawn Tennis Federation is allowed to be used for League games, and there are at least six different standard makes!

It stands to reason that different makes of ball are more or less officially adopted by various clubs, as a result of which players become used to that particular make.

Therefore, when "A" team visits "B" team, who use another make of ball, they have two disadvantages to face—(a) Away conditions and (b) make of ball.

This ball question could quite easily determine a championship in, what I consider, an unfair manner.

The question was raised last year, and I fully expected the League Committee to reconsider this League ruling.

Goldenacre did not see overmuch of the ball.

J. Beattie played a captain's part in the overthrow of the favourites, but, nevertheless, Hawick's support.

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KELLSBORO JACK'S LAST RACE WINNING FAREWELL IN CHAMPION 'CHASE

(By WATCHMAN)

London, March 28.

Followers of steeplechasing will retain pleasant memories of Kellsboro' Jack, who has finished his racing career. Appropriately, his last race was at Aintree, the scene of his triumph in the Grand National five years ago. At 12 years old he is thought by Mr. and Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark to have richly earned his retirement.

After unsaddling him on Saturday Ivor Anthony announced that the gallant old 'chaser will not be seen on the race-course again. He will be almost as much missed at Wroughton as Brown Jack was when his racing days came to an end.

When he had won the Grand National Mrs. Clark decided that Kellsboro' Jack should not run at Aintree again. That resolution held good so far as the Grand National is concerned, but it was rescinded in the case of the Champion 'Chase, which he has won twice. A co-incidence is that two of the steeplechases at Aintree were won by American women.

Reg. Hobbs, the trainer of Battleship, asks me to express thanks on behalf of himself and his son Bruce for the vast number of telegrams and other messages of congratulation he has received on the triumph of Battleship.

58 CABLES

No fewer than 58 cables of congratulations reached him from friends in America, where the Lambourn trainer lived for 13 years before returning to Leicestershire in 1924.

He tells me that Battleship will not run again this spring. I have already mentioned that it is Mrs. Marion Scott's intention to send him to the stud in America next year. Reg. Hobbs declares that in appearance the Grand National winner has many of the characteristics of his redoubtable sire.

FINE TRIBUTE

It is a remarkable tribute to Man o' War that he should have sired the best three-year-old in the U.S.A.

last season, a colt called War Admiral, and then have provided the winner of our premier steeplechase. War Admiral, like the Liverpool winner, is a small horse.

Incidentally, Royal Mail's broken blood vessel is more serious than anticipated, and it has been decided not to run him again this season. Also interesting is the fact that Major Barrett, the Wroughton trainer, has received a telegram from the owner, the Marquis de San Miguel, stating that before Takvor Pacha returns to France he is ready to accept an offer for the gelding.

O'DELL'S GREAT FEAT

Kellsboro's Jack was not the only hero of the afternoon at the concluding stage at Aintree. He was not more lustily cheered than O'Dell, whose feat of capturing the Foxhunters' 'Chase for the second time kindled the imagination of the crowd.

At 16 years O'Dell is one of the oldest horses in training, and certainly the oldest to win steeplechases of this importance. For many seasons he was a popular figure with the Worcestershire Hounds, of which his owner, Major H.P. Rushton, is M.F.H.

In the point-to-point field he won everything and I believe he holds the record for the number of races of that type he has won.

The finish of the Foxhunters' was almost a replica of that for the Grand National.



KILRAIN AND EUROPEAN BOXING TITLE

Glasgow.

The suggestion that Jake Kilrain, of Bellshill, the British welter-weight boxing champion, should go to Brussels for a match for the European championship with Felix Wouters, of Belgium, the I.B.U. title-holder of Europe, may have the somewhat curious effect that the match may ultimately be decided in Scotland.

While Kilrain was willing to go to the Continent for the bout, there was the stipulation that the financial terms would require to be suitable. These have not been satisfactory, and so far as the Brussels fight is concerned, it may be ruled out now. However, the Belgian has intimated that he would not be averse to coming to Scotland to defend his title. He may have heard of the good money that is paid to boxers of note here. In any event, the matter is being pursued by one Glasgow promoter as a possibility for an open-air show in the summer, and the British Board of Control are to be consulted on the matter to ascertain that everything would be in order. The fixture would be an undoubted draw.

Kilrain's championship success has certainly put him into demand, but the financial offers generally are not coming up to his requirement, and it seems extremely unlikely that he will be seen in the National Sporting Club, London on a future date suggested by the London authorities. It had been proposed that he meet either George Daly or George Orwell, both of the London area, in overweight matches, but the terms were not to his liking, and the proposal is likely to be called off.

Kilrain's next bout may be in Liverpool, from where an inquiry has come. For the present the champion is recovering from slightly sore hands; the result of his two quick contests recently. However, no great damage was done, and he could take the ring at a moment's notice if called upon.



A.B.A. CHAMPION TO TURN PROFESSIONAL

London, March 30.

M. Dennis, holder of the Amateur Boxing Association middle-weight title, is to turn professional. He was in the English team in the Empire Games at Sydney, and has just returned from Australia.

Dennis won the A.B.A. title last year from W. S. Pack. His first professional contest will be at the end of April.

Until he actually engages in a professional bout Dennis is eligible to box in the Amateur championships, which will be decided at the Royal Albert Hall, London.

Two other title-holders, A. Harper (feather) and V. A. Stuart (heavy) have also entered.

LAST OF THE BORDER RUGBY '7S'

(Continued from Page 19)

ers heaved a sigh of relief when the concluding item of an exhilarating tie was a pass by W. R. C. Brydon that sailed over J. B. Craig's shoulder when the latter was only inches from the home club's line. The acceptance or better direction of that pass would have taken Heriot's through. Yet if Hawick were a trifle lucky to go on, they fully justified their progress when they subsequently defeated Stewart's (F.P.) in the face of a somewhat cruel circumstance.

BROKE LEG

They were leading 5-3 against the Scottish club champions when J. Breckenridge, who had scored their try for Beattie to convert, fell in trying to stop an opponent, and broke a leg just above the ankle, and had to be carried off on a stretcher and removed to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

With only six men against a side so heftily built as Stewart's, it looked as if Hawick's career in the tournament would end, but they fought gallantly and A. L. Glover (last year's captain of Stewart's) went over for a try. Though L. G. Doig got a try which A. G. Blair converted to equalise the scores, A. L. Crozier went over before the finish to give the Teries a well-deserved victory.

WATSONIANS LACK CONFIDENCE
In the semi-final, R. Turnbull was introduced in place of Breckenridge, and with Beattie and Glover again playing a big part, Hawick completely outclassed Edinburgh Academicals, whose movements were even more restricted than those of Heriot's had been.

Crozier's transfer to his best position, scrum-half, had much to do with the improvement of the promoting club. Little or nothing was seen of either C. Ritchie or G. A. F. R. Gibson, the young Academical backs, who had done so well the previous week, but the whole Raeburn Place team were badly thrown out of their stride by the spoiling measures adopted by Hawick. In fact, the Academicals might as easily have lost as won in their opening bout with Melrose, for there was little confidence among them.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT

But the greatest disappointment of all among the city teams was the Watsonians, even though they got as far as the semi-final, which feat represents an advance on previous displays this spring. They beat Kelso easily, but there was almost a fatalistic attitude about their play in the second round against Selkirk. During the second half they practically invited the Souters to beat them, and it was more than they deserved when R. H. Dryden ran away for a last-minute try that A. Reid converted to take them through. Dryden was not to blame for their fall against the eventual winners, for he scored from the only pass he got in that tie. The shadow tackling of E. C. Hunter did not aid the confidence of the Myresiders.

Messrs. R. A. Beattie (Watsonians), C. S. Broadwood (Heriot's F.P.), C. W. Carmichael (Stewart's F.P.), and J. H. Ferguson (Gala), refereed the ties, the results of which were:—

FIRST ROUND

Jedforest, 10 points; Gala, 0.
Royal High School (F.P.), 11 points; Langholm, 3 points.
Watsonians, 18 points; Kelso, 0.
Selkirk, 8 points; Hillhead High School (F.P.), 5 points.
Hawick, 8 points; Heriot's (F.P.), 6 points.

Stewart's (F.P.), 11 points; Glasgow Academicals, 8 points.

SECOND ROUND

Royal High School (F.P.), 16 points; Jedforest, 0.
Watsonians, 13 points; Selkirk, 11 points.

Hawick, 11 points; Stewart's (F.P.), 8 points.
Edinburgh Academicals, 5 points; Melrose, 0.

SEMI-FINAL

Royal High School (F.P.), 10 points; Watsonians, 3 points.
Hawick, 19 points; Edinburgh Academicals, 8 points.

FINAL

Royal High School (F.P.), 36 points; Hawick, 0.
Royal High School (F.P.)—R. M. M'Arthur, G. O'Beil, E. T. Golegry, D. Murray, R. Blisset, P. W. Tait, and J. Watt.
Hawick—R. Turnbull, G. Brown, J. Peden, A. L. Crozier, J. Beattie, A. L. Glover, and J. Thom.

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WILL PROBABLY RIDE SCOTTISH UNION

GORDON RICHARDS FOR POUND FOOLISH?

(By "WATCHMAN")

London.

Harry Wragg will ride Mr. J. V. Rank's Scottish Union in his classic engagements during the coming season, provided, of course, he is not required for those races by Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, who has a claim on his services.

At the moment it is doubtful whether Sir Hugo will need Wragg in the Derby, though he has two well-bred colts in that race as well as in the Two Thousand Guineas. One is Finis, by Cameronian from Felkington (dam of Felstead); who had only one outing last season. The other is Comana, by Manna—Constellation, who ran four times last year and gained an unlooked-for success in the Alington Stakes at Newmarket.

Wragg has already ridden two Derby winners—Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen's Felstead in 1928 and the Aga Khan's Blenheim two seasons' later.

As a two-year-old Scottish Union had three outings. He was known to be backward when Bezan rode him in the Salisbury Stakes at the end of May, and in the circumstances it was a remarkable performance on his part to run the much-fancied Portworth to half a length.

G. RICHARDS AND DERBY

Gordon Richards rode Mr. J. V. Rank's colt both when he beat Onslaught at Goodwood and when he gained his memorable victory over Mirza II. in the Middle Park Stakes. Richards formed a high opinion of the colt in those races, and I imagine he would like to ride him in the classics, but the multiplicity of prior claims on the champion jockey's services prevents him from riding the Druid's Lodge colt.

There appears to be no colt at Beckhampton for whom Gordon will be wanted in the Derby, but Lord Astor, who has second claim on him, is almost certain to need his services. I understand that at present the most promising of this owner's three colts in the Derby is Pound Foolish. His name is unfamiliar to the racing public for the simple reason that he has not appeared on the racecourse so far.

SURED BY BLANDFORD

Last year he was backward, and J. Lawson decided that it would be inadvisable to attempt to do anything with him so far as racing was concerned. Pound Foolish's pedigree is good enough for anything. His sire is Blandford and his dam the Oaks winner, Pennycomequick. I liked this colt when I saw him for the first time, as a yearling at the Cliveden Stud, and recently his trainer assured me that he is going on satisfactorily. I think it is tolerably safe to assume that he will be Gordon Richards's mount in the Derby, a race which the leading jockey has yet to win.

ANOTHER GOOD YEARLING

Pound Foolish's contemporary, Legal Fare, was another striking yearling. There were high hopes of him at Manton last year until the colt met with a mishap which threw him back. I am glad to learn that he has made a good recovery from the trouble, and his first appearances on the racecourse will be awaited with interest.

Legal Fare is by Manna from the St. Leger winner, Book Law, so he is nearly related to that brilliant but unlucky horse, Rhodes Scholar, now standing at the Littleton Stud. Lord Astor's third Derby colt is Cave Man, by Mannamend-Miss Cavendish, who had two unsuccessful outings in the autumn.

H.K.—MACAO FOOTBALL INTERPORT XI CHOSEN

Arrangements For Visitors

The Management Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association, met last night to consider final arrangements in connection with the forthcoming Interport game with Macao, on the Kowloon Football Club ground on Sunday, May 8, at 4.30 p.m.

The Macao team will arrive here on Saturday afternoon and will stay at the Hotel Cecil. The party will consist of 11 players and four reserves, together with the manager, Hon. Secretary and a representative of the newly formed Macao Football Association.

On Sunday the visitors will be the guests of the Football Association, at a dinner held in their honour, at the Hotel Cecil, and at which it is hoped that the President, Mr. N. L. Smith will preside.

The team will leave for Macao on Monday morning.

The team chosen to represent Hong Kong is as follows:—

Smith (R.A.S.C.).
Box (R.E.).
Chung Fai-lum (Kwong Wah).
Fisher-Cooke (R.A.O.C.).
Yeung Tse-tsung (Kwong Wah) (Vice Captain).
Yau Wah Hing (S. China).
Marshall (24th Bty., R.A.).
Lau Fook-chuen (S. China).
Izzard (Middlesex).

ARSENAL TOUR OF AUSTRIA OFF

London, March 30.—Mr. George F. Allison, manager of the Arsenal Football Club, stated last night that news had been received from Vienna cancelling matches which were to have been played there in May.

The Arsenal had arranged to play two matches in Vienna, on May 22 and 25, against the Austria F.C., which no longer exists.

The London club had also arranged to play Hungary in Budapest on May 29. At present there are no plans for another tour of the Continent.

Londoners' Discerning Bowling Weakness

TAIL THAT DOES NOT WAGGLE

Sydney, March 17.

In London daily newspapers, most cricket writers are giving particular prominence to the Australians. One or two, summing up the bowling as doubtful or weak, evidently do not discern exactly what kind and quality some of the bowlers are.

The variety, as a matter of fact, is quite good. The quality is quite good, too, though some may argue that quality is limited. Barring physical mishap to the best, this department, however, will not be found wanting by comparison with England's, even though we may class theirs as more dangerous than many Englishmen think.

The fielding will be brilliant if all the men rise to their Australian quickness in getting to the ball, and accuracy and swiftness in returning it. Fingleton, Hassett, Barnes, and Waite will win their plaudits.

It is being said that the "tail" will have many innocuous joints in batting. It may. And yet it will depend on what joints constitute that tail!

For instance, when E. S. White and M. F. Waite are playing the joints may be relieved of the reputation won in England by some recent tails. White and Waite are being practically passed aside by many Old Country critics. But they are good cricketers, who are not Knights of the Order of the Rabbit.

If we interpret Mr. William Jeanes' depreciation of criticism of the team's attitude in Hobart as representing Don Bradman's inner feelings, we may whisper to Don, "Don't bother about the critics." The Bradman ideas are right. The Tasmanian saw sufficient of the team's batting. It was good policy to turn on the best in fielding and bowling.

This team will reveal to Englishmen that there is, after all, some joy in Australian methods of playing the old game.

The men will show that fielding is as satisfying as batting, and as delightful to the spectator; that runs got speedily and well are better, perhaps, than runs got laboriously and not too well, and that in cricket the whole eleven can and does help a bowler to get his own and success for the side.

The Australians play Western Australia at Perth this week. For the first time, perhaps, on record, some Easterners are wondering who will constitute the eleven. Many are desiring to see all the new men playing—Hassett, Barnes, Fingleton, White, Waite, Ward, to mention half a dozen. The "Brass Hats" however, will be most in demand by the local organisers. Right, too.

COUNTRY CLUB GOLF WINNERS

LAST SUNDAY'S EVENTS

The following were the prize-winners for the 1938 Annual Golf, and Home Competitions, of the Country Golf Club, held last Sunday.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. E. Leitao the wife of the president of the Club.

Club Championship:—1. A. W. da

Roza, 2. E. Sadick.

Captain's Cup:—1. A. W. Ramsey,

2. H. G. Leong.

Junior Championship:—1. H. G.

Leong, 2. C. Kew.

Easter Cup:—1. A. W. Ramsey, 2.

Mrs. A. J. Kew.

Mixed Foursome:—1. Mrs. A. J. Kew

and H. Kew, 2. Miss A. Roza and F. E.

A. Remedios.

Men's Foursome:—1. B. Basto and

E. Sadick, 2. M. Pinna and F. X. Silva.

Long Driving:—A. Urquhart, 2. A.

J. Hall and F. E. A. Remedios.

Tombstone Competition:—1. A. W.

Ramsey, 2. Mrs. A. J. Kew.

Clock Golf:—1. J. J. Basto, 2. F. X.

Silva.

Ladder Golf:—1. Miss G. Ablong, A.

A. Lopes and A. W. Ramsey tied.

Approach and Putting:—1. A. A.

Lopes, C. Anderson and F. E. A. Remedios tied.

Calvert (5th A.A. Bde. R.A.) (Cap-

tain).

Duffield (R.A.O.C.).

Reserves:—Hall (20th Bty., R.A.),

Haig (Middlesex), Maxwell (Kowloon),

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1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Leonora's Aria—Act 1 'Fidelio'—Beethoven.
1.50 p.m.—Beethoven—Trio in D Major, Op. 70, No. 1. Played by Hephazibah Menuhin (Piano), Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Maurice Eisenberg (Cello).
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Dance Music.
7.33 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.35 p.m.—Variety.
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Vocal—We're Still Single To-day; The Steamboat Trip—The Two

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Orchestra with Organ—"Big Broadcast Of 1938"—Selection (Robin Rainger).... Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra, London. At Bollington at the Organ.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Songs by Dennis Noble (Baritone).
The Gentle Maiden (Words, Eng. Ver., Boulton, Music arr. Somervell).
Passing By (Herrick & Purcell).
Will She Be Waiting Up? (Hayes & T. C. Sterndale—Bennett).
At Santa Barbara (Weatherly & Russell).
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Cricket"—The Australians v. Worcestershire. A commentary during the first match of the Australian tour by Howard

Marshall from Worcester County Cricket Ground.
8.30 p.m.—Studio-Trio—Prue Lewis (Violin), Ettore Pellegatti (Cello) and Lindsay A. Lafford (Piano) playing a Trio by Dvorak.
9 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"The English Character". A talk by Earl Baldwin.
9.17 p.m.—Compositions of Edward German.
Glorious Devon.... Robert Radford (Bass).
Four Jolly Sailors (From 'A Princess of Kensington').... Quartette: Francis Russell, Parry Jones, Raymond Newell and Harry Dearth with Piano.
Tom Jones—Selection.... Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards conducted by Capt. George Miller.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Love Needs A Waltz"—A Musical Comedy In The Viennese Tradition. A Radio Operetta. Book and Lyrics by James Dyrenforth. Music by K. Leslie-Smith.
10.50 p.m.—London Relay—The Opening Of The Empire Exhibition (Scotland) by His Majesty The King. With addresses by The Earl Of Elgin, (Chairman of the Exhibition), The Rt. Hon. Sir John Stewart (Lord Provost of Glasgow) and The High Commissioners For The Dominions. A commentary on the scene will be given by P. I. Keith Murray from Ibrox Stadium, Glasgow.
11.20 p.m.—Close down.

7.00 a.m.—Close Down.
7.15 a.m.—TRANSMISSION 2
Frequencies—
GSJ 21.53 Mc/s (18.98 m.)
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (18.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
9.45 a.m.—The Opening of the Empire Exhibition (Scotland) by his Majesty the King. With addresses by the Earl of Elgin, (Chairman of the Exhibition), the Rt. Hon. Sir John Stewart (Lord Provost of Glasgow), and the High Commissioners for the Dominions.
10.25 a.m. (approx.)—The BBC Military Band.
11.15 a.m.—'Empire Gazette.' A topical review of events overseas.
11.45 a.m.—Music of Members of the Bach Family.
12.15 p.m.—Cricket: The Australians v. Worcestershire. A commentary by Howard Marshall during the first match of the Australian Tour. From Worcester County Cricket Ground.
12.30 p.m.—The Norris Stanley Sextet.
1.00 p.m.—'Melbourne (Derbyshire)—The Village: The Minister: The City.'
1.30 p.m.—Big Ben. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.57 p.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 3
Frequencies—
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (18.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s

1.57 p.m.—Opening Announcements.
2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. The Torquay Municipal Orchestra.
2.35 p.m.—'Waltzing Matilda'—4: 'Some Reflections on Travel in the British Empire.'
2.50 p.m.—The Opening of the Empire Exhibition (Scotland) by his Majesty the King.
3.20 p.m.—'The Adventures of Jack and Jill' (Episode 1): 'Jack and Jill Go up the Hill.' A series of musical plays.
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—Cricket: The Australians v. Worcestershire.
4.30 p.m.—Programme of Light Music. from Hungary.
5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Bridge Examination

Mr. Culbertson is conducting through this column, an examination of bridge players. Rate yourself by subtracting from 100 the points for each wrong answer.

SATURDAY'S QUESTION

Question 32: Both sides vulnerable. You are South. North deals and bids two spades. Next hand passes. Your holding is:

S.—J 8 4 3
H.—2
D.—Q 7 5 4 3 2
C.—5 2

You respond two no trump. After West's pass, North bids three hearts. East passes.

What call do you make now?

Answer: You should now jump to four spades. Your previous response told partner that you had less than one plus honour tricks. Now you must show him that you have distinctly better than a "preference" between spades and hearts. With excellent spade support, there is no point in even mentioning your long minor suit. [Three points demerit for bidding three no trump. Two points demerit for bidding three spades. One point demerit for bidding four diamonds].

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question 33: You are East, defending against a three no trump contract. The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West
1 diamond 1 spade 2 no trump Pass
3 no trump Pass Pass Pass
West, your partner, leads the seven of spades. Dummy and your hand are:

NORTH
S.—Q 8
H.—K 6
D.—A K 7 5 4 3
C.—J 9 5
EAST
S.—A 10 9 6 5
H.—Q J 4
D.—2
C.—A Q 10 8

Dummy plays the three to the first trick. What line of defence do you elect, and what is your reason, or your hope?

TO-DAY'S HAND

North, dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
S.—K Q 10 7
H.—K 6 4
D.—A K 7
C.—Q 6 5
WEST
S.—J 6 5 4 3 2
H.—A 7
D.—8 5 4 3
C.—8
EAST
S.—A 9
H.—8 5
D.—J 10 6 2
C.—A J 9 7 4
SOUTH
S.—8
H.—Q J 10 7 3 2
D.—Q 9
C.—K 10 3 2

The bidding:

North East South West
1 no trump 2 clubs 2 hearts Pass
2 spades Pass 3 hearts Pass
4 hearts Pass Pass Pass
West opened his singleton club. East, seeing declarer had both the king and ten, realised that there was no point in ducking and, therefore, went right up with the ace and returned a club. West ruffed and led a spade. The ace won, and finally the heart ace accounted for the setting trick.

South told the world at large that he had been the victim of atrocious distribution. But, in reality, he had only himself to blame for the loss of game and rubber. Certain bidding sequences carry eloquent messages to players who are wide awake. On this particular occasion South should have known, before he saw the dummy, that a club ruff by West was imminent! North's no trump bid had advertised 4-3-3-3 distribution. Surely East had at least five clubs for his overcall at the two level. South himself had four, thus West had one or none. Of course, South could have made a highly lucrative double of two clubs, but was disinclined to this action because of the vulnerability conditions. At least, however, he might have listened to the warning conveyed by the club bid and, after North took away the spade menace by bidding spades, should have steered the contract to the correct spot of three no trump. The heart suit would be equally valuable at no trump. The diamond queen was a potential stopper, and the club length in South's hand, instead of a menace at a suit bid, would have been an asset at no trump. Obviously the opponents could have taken only their three aces against the correct contract.

BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY

TRANSMISSION 1
Frequencies—
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
GSD 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.)
GSB 9.51 Mc/s (31.55 m.)

G.M.T.
5.00 a.m.—Big Ben. 'Escape' (First-hand Accounts by Prisoners-of-War).
—2: 'What a Skeleton Key Will Do.' A talk by Lt.-Col. M. C. C. Harrison.
5.30 a.m.—'Palace of Varieties.'
6.30 a.m.—'Empire Exchange'. Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and the Colonies.
6.50 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Big City"—Luise Rainer and Spencer Tracy form a new and fascinating co-starring team of the Big City, the story of an immigrant girl who marries a New York taxicab driver in Norman Krasna's story of life among a big city's teeming millions.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"King Solomon's Mines", with Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Paul Robeson, Anna Lee and Roland Young. Rider Haggard's great romance. Thousand of giant Zulus, armed with flame-tipped spears, battling to the death, with the lives of five European adventurers, four men and a woman, and the wrath of the fabulous mines of Ophir at stake, furnish the big scenes in this picture.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Gold Is Where You Find It"—Sweeping spectacle,

boisterous comedy and epic thrills in a mighty drama of early California, filmed entirely in the new technicolour. With George Brent, Olivia de Havilland, Claude Rains, Margaret Lindsay, Barton MacLane, John Litel and Tim Holt.

AT THE KING'S—"Borneo"—Martin Johnson's last and greatest adventure film, taken but a few weeks before his death in the world's most mysterious island and bringing for the first time to any camera many fantastic scenes and strange new animals.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"She Got Everything", with Ann Sothorn and Gene Raymond. A gay romantic story of an impoverished society and a coffee millionaire.



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Decree Of Laws Approved In Paris

Paris, To-day.

The decree of laws was last night approved by the Council of Ministers providing for a uniform increase of 8 per cent. in direct and indirect taxes, as well as a surtax on firms working on national defence.

It is announced that a National Defence Loan is being issued at a later date.

The decrees provide for reductions in taxation for firms improving their plant.

Exporters will be helped by a certain measure of exemption from taxation, while tax reductions are also being granted to landlords who replace slum property.

The decree aims at making it easier for firms to secure credit.

TOURIST TRAFFIC

The tourist industry, as one of the main industries, will be helped by a reduction in railway fares and a reduction in the cost of petrol for tourists staying more than six days.

Petrol is generally being increased by approximately two-pence a gallon.

GRANT OF CREDITS

A report to President Lebrun on the series of decrees states that the Government judges it necessary to facilitate the granting of

credits to the whole French economy, especially to firms working for the state.

Under the present system, firms supplying the state will be able to secure cash, even when their contract is not completely fulfilled.

The Government describes this system, involving an increase in bills, as simply making better use of the resources of the monetary market, and in no way as being inflation.—Reuter.

SMALLPOX

The Health Returns for the past week show a total of 55 smallpox cases, of which 40 proved fatal. Twenty-eight were in Kowloon, 14 in Victoria, ten in the Harbour, two in the New Territories and one in Aberdeen.

In the last 24 hours only three cases were reported, two in Victoria and one in Kowloon.

There were 131 deaths from tuberculosis in the past week.

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DEATH.

LEE FU. — At the Kowloon Hospital, suddenly — May 2nd. Lee Fu (Avue) aged 35 years. The faithful and devoted servant for eighteen years of Mrs. Harry Woods and the Misses Aileen and Doris Woods.

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